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Experiments with the Clayton Air Compressor.

The rapid extension of the use of air compressors in metallurgical works, and notably in mines for the running of rock drills, has led to a rapid improvement in this class of machinery. The exigencies of good and economical working are being more thoroughly examined, and earnest efforts are being made to meet them. Among the more important points are: The necessity of keeping the air cylinder cool and depriving the compressed air of the heat made sensible by compression; the importance of ejecting from the cylinder all the compressed air at the completion of the stroke, and of lifting the delivery valves at the time when the pressure in the cylinder has reached that maintained as a working pressure in the receiver. Special attention has been directed to these points in designing the compressor manufactured by the Clayton Steam Pump Works, Brooklyn, an illustration of which is given in the accompanying cut. We have on former occasions spoken of the principal features of this design, the chief points of novelty of which at present is that a connecting rod has been substituted for the sliding boxes formerly used, the yokes being placed a sufficient distance apart to admit it. The weight of the yokes, pistons, rods, &c., is now carried by an adjustable "slipper guide," not visible in our engraving, which is intended to diminish the wear of the cylinder boxes. Our present purpose is to call attention to an effort made to definitely fix, by the application of the indicator to the air cylinder, the exact value of the use of the special devices employed to secure efficient and economical work.

The series of cards which we place before our readers were taken from the same air-cylinder under the same conditions of speed, &c., while testing a 12-inch diameter by 13-inch stroke Clayton Duplex Air Compressor, recently built for the Bay State Iron Company, of Port Henry, N. Y.

By taking a card with all the parts adjusted and in operation, and following it with others where the use of the special appliances employed in the first case are successively omitted, one by one, a comparison of results obtained in the different diagrams affords good evidence of the comparative value of the different parts. In working up the cards the same rules are applied as in working up steam engine cards. The air resistance to the advance of the piston, at a given rate of speed, is treated in the same manner as the steam pressure is treated in the ordinary steam engine card in propelling the piston forward at a given velocity.

As air-compressing machinery has but recently begun to receive that degree of attention in mining and metallurgical operations which its importance demands, some explanation of the difficulties which present themselves in the construction and operation of such machinery are appropriate in this connection. If it were possible whenever compressed air is employed in propelling other machines to prevent the radiation and loss of the heat generated in its compression, its development would not be considered a matter of importance, because it would add as much additional pressure to the compressed air as was absorbed by its compression previously. One of the principal reasons which recommends the use of compressed air is the convenience with which it can be used for transmitting power through long distances, and be stored up for an indefinitely long period without suffering the

loss which would accompany the use of steam under similar circumstances. Therefore it becomes a matter of vital importance, in the construction of air compressors, to secure the heat as fast as possible during compression, and by so doing reduce the amount of power required to compress a given volume of air. In considering the merits of any diagram from an air cylinder, it is important to observe how nearly the compression line follows the hyperbolic curve, which represents an increase of pressure at a constant temperature. An approximation to the curve can only be obtained by an absorption of the heat as rapidly as it is rendered sensible by the compression.

The induction and eduction valves are placed in the cylinder covers, and are so arranged that the valves and seatings can be unscrewed and removed by taking off the covers. Disks of semi-elastic material are interposed between the valve faces and seats, with a view to protect the metal surfaces from wear. The discharge valves are lifted by an adjustable tripping device, which can be set to lift the discharge valves at any desired point in the stroke, thus affording the means for a free escape for the air in the cylinder as soon as it has reached the "working pressure." The suction valves which open into the cylinder are supplied with safety stems, in order to prevent any accident from following the breakage of

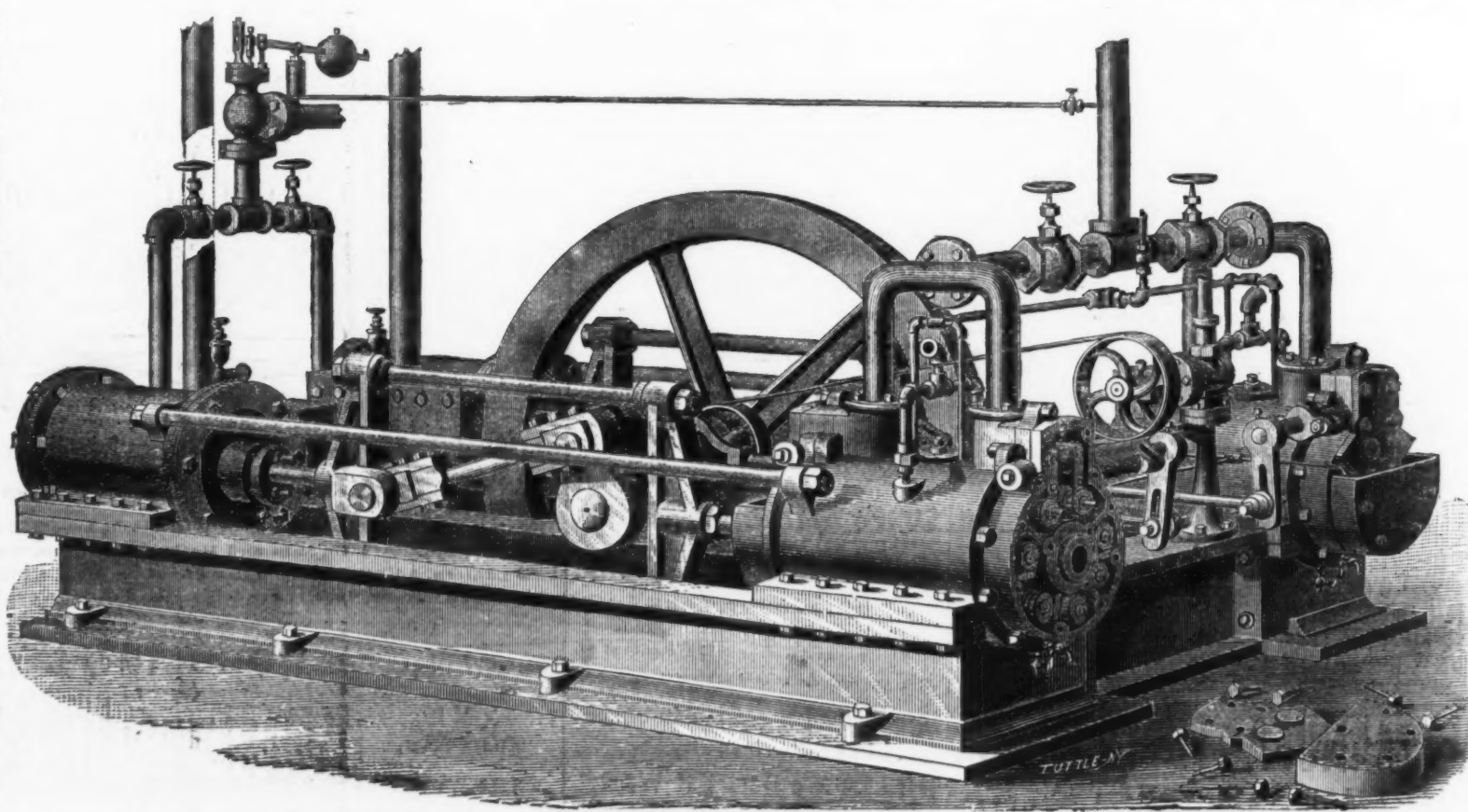
the air into a receiver, the safety valve of which was set at 45 pounds. Consequently the resistance was uniform during the trial. The speed also was the same (53 revolutions per minute) excepting when No. 1 was taken. The speed in this case was increased from 53 to 65 revolutions per minute, in order to determine the limit to which the speed of the air piston could be increased and still the cylinder be filled with air of normal density before reaching the end of the stroke, when compression commences, without charging the proportion of "inlet valve" opening to area of piston, which is adopted in constructing these compressors. Card No. 1 was taken from the air cylinder when supplied with water for lubricating

Card No. 3 shows that, although the suction valves are lifted automatically, a heavy loss is occasioned by the absence of water from the cylinder, as the compressed air not discharged at the end of the stroke followed the piston back about one-fifth of its stroke.

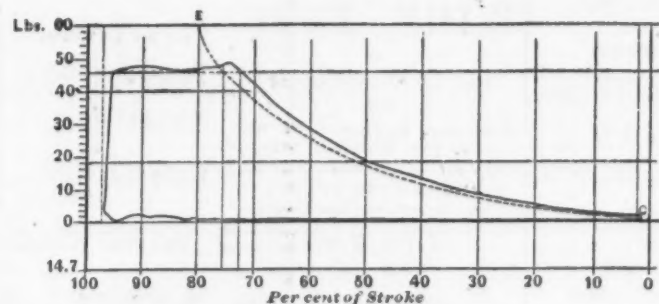
Card No. 4 was taken from the cylinder when there was no water in the jacket or in the cylinder, and the valves were lifted without the assistance of the toes. This shows a heavy loss of power by the heating of the air by its passage into a hot cylinder, a great loss in compressed air expanding back in the cylinder and occupying the space which should be filled by fresh air, and a large waste of power in the lifting of the valves, viz., from 45 pounds (the working or receiver pressure) to 67 pounds, the pressure at which the valves lifted.

Card No. 5 (see page 3) was taken from the steam cylinder of one of these compressors, and shows the degree of economy attained in its consumption of steam in proportion to the amount of effective working power in the shape of compressed air given. The compressor (with steam and air cylinders of equal diameter and stroke) was running at 90 revolutions per minute, with a boiler pressure of 70 pounds, cutting off the steam at 52 per cent of the stroke, and giving an air-receiver pressure of 100 pounds.

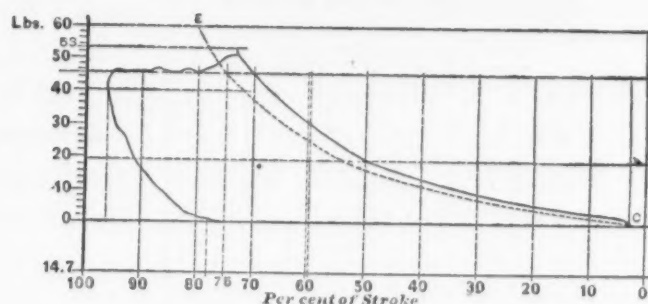
The Earth's Population and Area.—In the new issue (No. 6) of Behm and Wagner's well-known "Bevölkerung der Erde" there are several points of fresh interest. Since the last issue, about two years ago, the population would seem to have been increased by about 17,000,000, the present population of the earth, according to Behm and Wagner, being 1,456,000,000, as against 1,439,000,000 two years ago. This, however, cannot be set down to absolute natural increase, much of the addition being, no doubt, the result of new and more accurate statistics. The new issue has, for example, to take account of several new censuses, some of them in countries where the population has not been accurately counted for many years, if at all. We have, for example, the census of Spain, in 1877; Portugal, 1878; Greece, 1879; Bosnia and Herzegovina, 1879; New Zealand, 1878; Peru, 1876; Denmark, 1880, besides several smaller places. The total population is divided among the continents as follows: Europe, 315,929,000 or at the ratio of 32.5 per square kilometer; Asia, 834,707,000, or 18.7 per square kilometer; Africa, 205,679,000, or 6.9 per square kilometer; America, 95,495,500, or 2.5 per square kilometer; Australia and Polynesia, 4,931,000, or 0.4 per square kilometer; the remainder, 82,000, belong to the North Polar region, mostly Iceland and Greenland. Although the census of the United States was taken some months since, and some of the data cozed out in an irregular fashion, Herren Behm and Wagner have not made any use of the results, wisely preferring to await official statistics. They calculate that the census ought to give a result of at least 47,000,000. The editors have also made a fresh planimetric calculation of the area of Africa, yielding a result of 29,283,390 square kilometers. Of this area about six and a third millions are forest and culture land, the same area savannahs and scattered woods, 1,500,000 bush, 4,200,000 steppe, and 10,500,000 desert. This last item seems appalling, but it should be remembered that much of this desert may be reclaimable, and that it includes large areas of fertile oases. A new planimetric calculation of the area of South America yields a re-



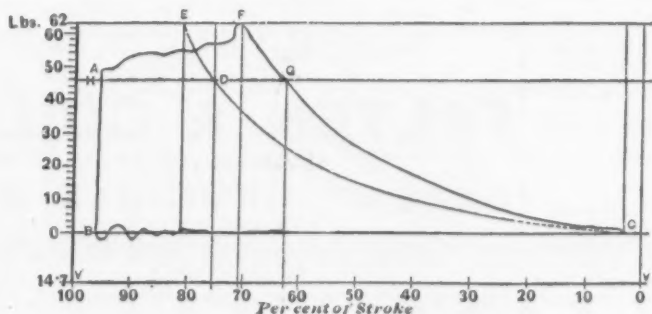
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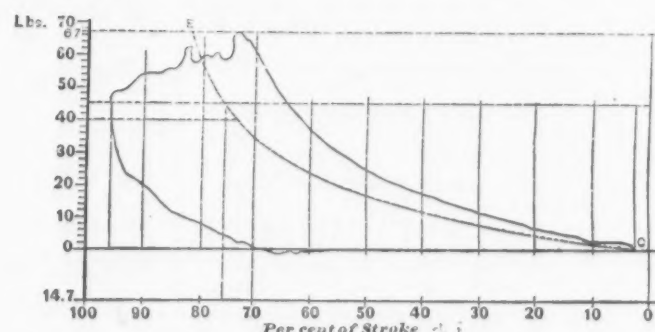
Indicator Card.—No. 1.—From Air Cylinder.



Indicator Card.—No. 3.—From Air Cylinder.



Indicator Card.—No. 2.—From Air Cylinder.



Indicator Card.—No. 4.—From Air Cylinder.

For convenience the hyperbolic curve is shown on all the diagrams accompanying this article.

In the Clayton Compressor the air cylinder is surrounded by a water jacket of somewhat novel construction. The water is received into the jacket through pipes connected with the top of the air cylinder near the center, partitions being placed in the jacket in such a manner that they compel the water to circulate from the center along the top to and around the ends of the cylinder for one-fourth of its length. At this point the greatest compression of the air takes place, and consequently the most heat is generated. The water then passes around the center of the cylinder, discharging at the top, thus bringing the temperature of the middle of the cylinder to the same as at the ends and top, and securing the jacket against an absence of water.

a valve from its stem, one of the most fruitful sources of accidents to air compressors. The interior of the cylinder is supplied at each stroke with a fixed amount of lubrication (water or oil) by means of an automatic feed valve, the construction of which is such that no fluid can pass into the cylinder when the compressor is not working, and the danger of flooding the cylinder is guarded against.

These compressors have an air governor, which we described on a former occasion. Its object is to permit the attainment of any pressure desired, by simply changing the position of the weight on the lever of the governor, and to stop the compressor whenever the air pressure exceeds the desired point, readmitting steam when the air pressure falls.

When the accompanying diagrams were taken, the compressor was delivering

the interior surfaces, and also filling the "clearance" spaces. Water was supplied to the exterior jacket, and the "tripping device" adjusted to act at the proper time in opening the delivery valves. The diagram shows that at the speed at which the compressor was working, the action of those parts which could directly influence the movement of the indicator was very good. From the point at which induction ceased and compression commenced, the pencil followed the "hyperbolic," or curve of constant temperature.

Card No. 2 shows that without the tripping device the pressure is raised, before it lifts the discharge valves, from 46 to 62 pounds. The water was running into the cylinder, as in card No. 1, but not into the water jacket, and the line shows how the air is heated and expanded in advance of its full pressure.

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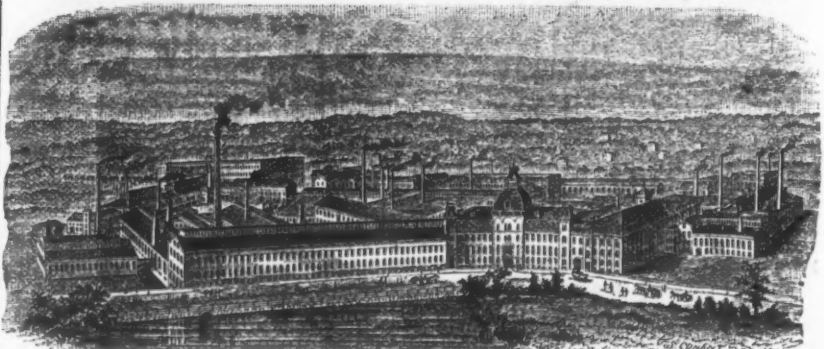
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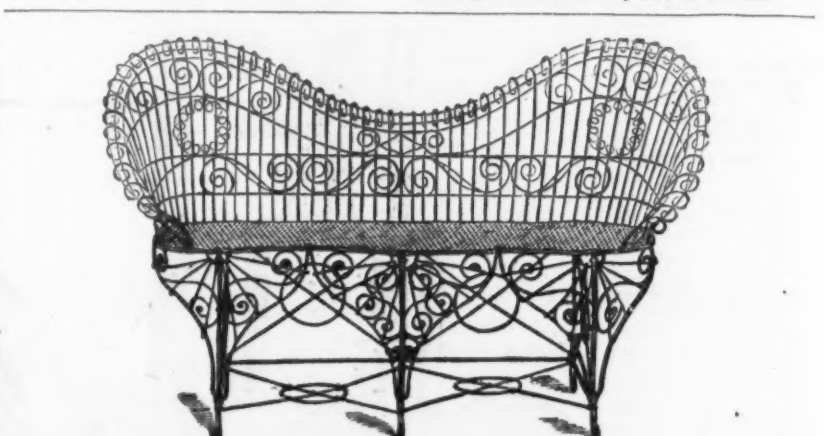
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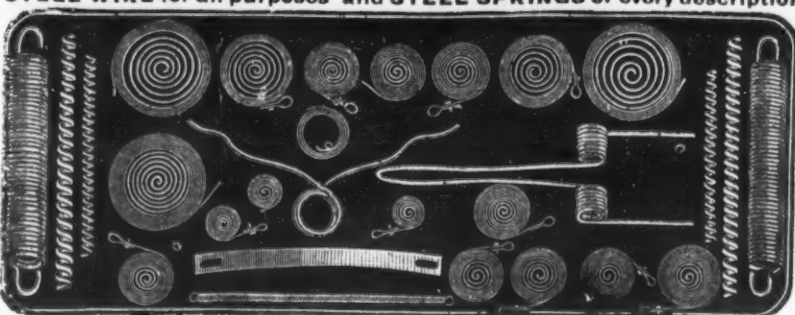
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Paraffine as a Protection to Wood and Iron.*

In chemical technology great difficulties
sometimes arise when it is desired to manu-
facture on a large scale preparations which
may be obtained with ease in the labora-
tory. In most cases the reason of this
failure is the fact that in the manufacture
the use of glass, porcelain, platinum, &c.,
which successfully resist the effects of the
various chemical agents, must be dispensed
with, and cheaper and less easily breakable
materials, such as iron, copper, lead and
wood, substituted. Wood especially cannot
be replaced by any other material in the
wholesale preparation of muriatic lye, al-
though the same, according to the strength
and temperature of the liquid, undergoes
sometimes very rapid destruction. Dr.
Schal says, in the *Wirt. Gewerbeblatt*, that
he acquired this experience more particu-
larly in 1874-77, in alizarine works, and that
he found in paraffine a means which effi-
ciently protects the wood against damp,
acids and alkalis, and by which a great
saving is effected. The wooden vessels
used, especially tanks of pine wood, for
boiling acid and alkaline lye, as well as
casks of oak of the heaviest weights, for
separating acid alkaline lye at a pressure
of a half to two atmospheres, were generally
totally rotten after a few months, but they
lasted for two years when impregnated with
paraffine.

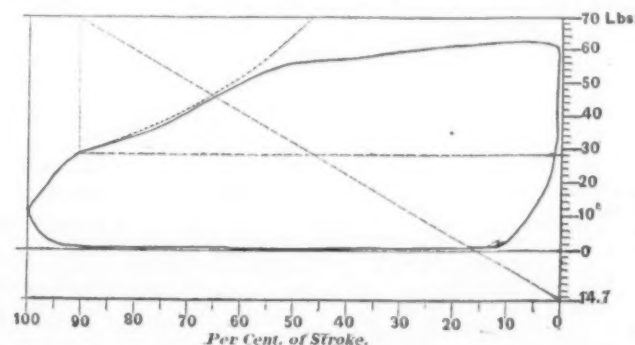
Before treating with paraffine, however,

alone, as it frequently happens that stupefy-
ing vapors from the solvent of the paraffine
arise, which stupefaction, however, soon dis-
appears in the open air. The oil varnish
may also be diluted with petroleum ether,
poured into the barrel, and then the latter
rolled about, as above described; but many
places escape saturation in this operation.
After coating with varnish, the barrel is
once more dried, and then filled with water,
in order to force out the combustible gases.
This is much to be advised, as an explosion
once took place in consequence of a work-
man trying to enlarge a hole with a red-hot
iron, contrary to orders. After the last
operation, the inner sides of the various ves-
sels were rubbed down with a dry duster, so
as to take off all loose particles.

If impregnation of wood is intended on a
large scale, the wood is best stacked in iron
boxes, the paraffine solution poured over it,
the solution not absorbed drawn off after
some time, the solvent forced out of the
wood by means of warm air, and recovered
by condensation in a cooling apparatus. If
the various manipulations are carefully car-
ried out, the duration of vessels thus pre-
pared is increased from four to six fold,
while the outlay is comparatively small, leav-
ing out of consideration that the contents of
such vessels are frequently lost by the bot-
tom being forced out.

Paraffine, melted with equal parts of lin-
seed oil or rapeseed oil, is also useful for
coating iron vessels, which without a sub-
stantial preservative are very liable to rust
in manufacturing of chemicals. Paraffine
likewise protects skin efficiently against wet,
alkalis (especially lime), acids, &c.

It has often been noticed that workmen in
alizarine factories suffered much from sore,



The Clayton Air Compressor.—Indicator Card from Steam Cylinder.—(See First Page.)

the vessels must be thoroughly dried for
about three weeks by leaving them in warm
and dry air, in order to prepare the wood
for the absorption of the paraffine solution
in its pores. The latter solution is prepared
in the following manner: A part of the
paraffine is melted in a spacious metal ves-
sel over a moderate fire, the mass being
stirred, the boiler taken from the fire, best
moved into the open air, stirred until the
mass begins to congeal at the edge, and then
about six parts of petroleum ether or bisul-
phide of carbon are poured in and stirred
until solution. The preparation is then put
into vessels that may be hermetically
closed, or it may be used at once. In
preparing the paraffine solution great
care must be exercised, as paraffine,
as well as petroleum ether or bisulphide
of carbon, is especially inflammable, as
even the vapor of the two last-mentioned
substances, if mixed with air, may give rise
to dangerous explosions. Those substances
must, therefore, be kept in a cool place, far
from light or fire, and well stoppered. The
wood is best saturated in dry and warm
weather, as then it dries more quickly, and
a smaller quantity of the solvent agent is
necessary. In winter six parts of the sol-
vent generally do not suffice. This propor-
tion changes with the quality of the paraffine
and the temperature; paraffine solving with
difficulty is better than the more readily
soluble article. Vessels easy of access, such
as tanks, tubs, &c., are coated in the open
air with the solution as long as the wood
will absorb it. The solvents evaporate very
quickly, leaving the paraffine behind, so that
two or three coatings may be laid on in suc-
cession. If the vessel is to be exceptionally
well prepared, it is left for a day to dry,
and then another layer of the paraffine
given. For vessels in which steam is used
for boiling the liquids they contain, he
applies after a few days a coating of varnish,
because the melting point of paraffine is
below the boiling point of water, and it is
thus in time driven out of the pores by the
water.

Instead of oil varnish, the vessels, after
being well rubbed down, may also be coated
with a thin solution of soluble glass, then
dried and washed with diluted hydrochloric
acid. The silicic acid thus formed clogs up
the pores from the outside, and provides a
protection to the paraffine against the hot
water. For vessels which are used only
with a moderate heat or cold, the coating of
paraffine suffices perfectly. The paraffine is
hardly dissolved by diluted cold alcohol, is not
poisonous, and may also probably be used
with advantage for vessels for keeping
liquid. In the case of barrels, the solution
was poured in simply after drying them;
for an oak barrel holding from 9 to 10 hec-
toliters, 1 kilo. of paraffine dissolved in pe-
troleum ether was required. All openings
were then well closed and the barrel rolled
about and over for about an hour, so as to
bring all parts in contact with the solution.
The barrels were finally left standing on
their ends for half a day, after which time
the remainder not absorbed was emptied
and used for the outside coating. Before
applying the solution outside, however, the
barrels must be well cleaned, for dirt
naturally closes the pores of the wood.
As these barrels were very expensive,
and had to sustain a pressure of two at-
mospheres, besides being exposed to a high
temperature, they received on both sides
an additional coating of oil varnish. It
is, however, necessary to let such a barrel
stand in the open air at least a fortnight for
drying, and as a precaution fire must be kept
away from the barrel while being prepared.
As a further precaution, in applying the solu-
tion inside, the workman must not be left

ulcerating and swollen hands, especially dur-
ing winter. After the workmen began to
use, twice daily, a solution of paraffine with
rapeseed oil and petroleum, chapped hands
(not to mention swollen or ulcerated hands)
became a scarcity. The solution is produced
by melting three parts each of paraffine and
rapeseed oil, removing it from the fire, and
adding eight parts of petroleum while stir-
ring the mixture. Before using, the solution
is stirred a little, and the hands rubbed with
it while they are clean and dry. In larger
factories, earthenware and tin vessels, filled
with this ointment, are placed at convenient
spots, and it is believed that the manufac-
turer as well as the workmen will find this
pay.

Nickel.

Since the convenient five-cent coin, which
in common talk is called "a nickel," has
come into general circulation, the question
above is asked, either mentally or orally,
hundreds of times every day, and but few
get an intelligent answer. In China and
India, a white copper, called pack-tong, has
long been known and has been extensively
used both there and in Europe for counter-
feiting silver coin. About the year 1700 a
peculiar ore was discovered in the copper
mines of Saxony which had the appearance
of being very rich, but in smelting it yielded
no copper, and the miners called it kuper-
nickel, or false copper. In 1754, Constant
announced the discovery of a new metal in
kuper-nickel, to which he gave the name of
nickel. It was in combination with arsenic,
from which he could relieve it only in part.
The alloy of nickel and arsenic which he ob-
tained was white, brittle, very hard and had
a melting point nearly as high as cast iron.
It was not until 1823 that pure nickel was
obtained by analysis of German silver which
had for a number of years been produced at
Suhl, in Saxony. Its composition was ascer-
tained to be copper, ten parts; zinc, five; and
nickel, four. If more nickel be used the
alloy is as white as silver and susceptible of
a very high polish, but becomes too brittle
and hard to be hammered or rolled, and
can be worked only by casting. Pure
nickel is a white metal and will tarnish read-
ily in the air. Unlike silver, it is not acted
on by the vapor of sulphur, and even the
strong mineral acids attract it but slightly.
Nickel has the hardness of iron, and like it,
has strong magnetic properties, but cannot
be welded and is soldered with difficulty.
Pure nickel has heretofore been used chiefly
for plating, for which purpose its hardness
and power to resist atmospheric influences
admirably adapt it. Within the last year
the French have succeeded in rolling the
metal into plates, from which spoons and
other table furniture may be pressed. Nickel
bronze, which consists of equal parts of cop-
per and nickel, with a little tin, may be cast
into very delicate forms, and is susceptible
of a high polish. Mines of nickel are
worked at Chatham, Conn., and Lancaster,
Pa., and it is said to be found at Mino Le
Motte, Mo., and at several points in Colorado
and New Mexico, where but little attention
is paid to it. It is extensively mined in
Saxony and in Sweden, but the late dis-
covery of a new ore (a silicate of nickel) in
New Caledonia will probably supercede all
the other ones. The inexhaustible supply of
this ore, the ease with which it can be
smelted and the richness of the ore will prob-
ably suspend the use of the arsenical ores,
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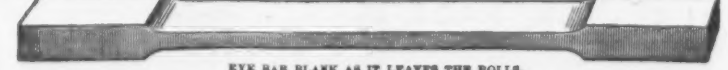
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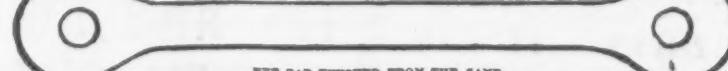
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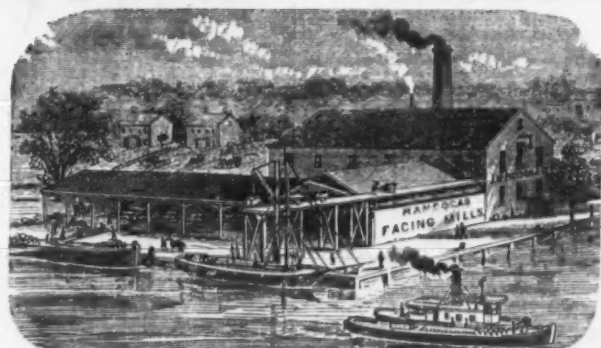
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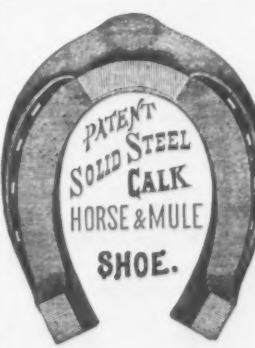
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Prof. J. D. Dana gives expression to the fol-

lowing as his theory on the subject. He

holds that the copper came up with the

igneous rock, and so also the moisture that

made the steam cavities of the amygdaloid,

though neither was derived, the one nor the

other, from the deep-seated source of the

eruption, but from sources encountered on

the way up; that, while the rock was slowly

cooling through the range of temperatures

from that of fusion, over 2000° F., to 212°

F. (when at last the vapors began to lose

their chemical activity), and thence to 100°

F. and below, the igneous material sooner

or later received its vapor-made cavities in

places where the pressure was little enough

to permit it and the moisture was abundant

enough to produce them, and the rocks also

became jointed and fissured through the pro-

gressing contraction; that other fissures

may have been opened by new subterranean

movements while the cooling was going for-

ward—that is, before the era of eruptions for

the region had passed—and gave passage for

ascending vapors and whatever they bore

along; that the moisture which made the

amygdaloid cavities was the moisture

which altered the pyroxene or other miner-

als of the rock to chlorite, and made the

zeolites and quartz out of chiefly its feld-

spars, and that this kind of transformation

of the igneous rock near all cavities or

fissures into quartz and hydrous silicates

kept going on as long as the rock was under-

going its refrigeration, different minerals

resulting at different stages in the tempera-

ture; and that the copper which came up

with the igneous rock was, in the course of

the cooling, carried by the aid of the vapors

into fissures and so formed veins, and into

other cavities to help make amygdulites at the

same time that other minerals were making

them, and so produced sometimes a cuprif-

ferous amygdaloid; and that simultaneously it

was carried also, to some extent, into the

adjoining sandstone. But all the conditions

of the process are not yet explainable, and

therefore, while differing widely from Mr.

Wadsworth on this and other points in his

volume, Prof. Dana agrees with him in this,

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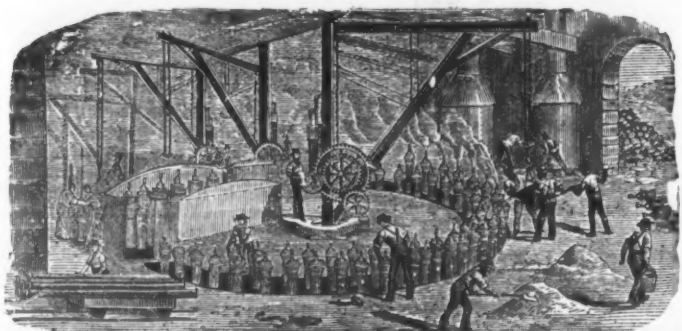
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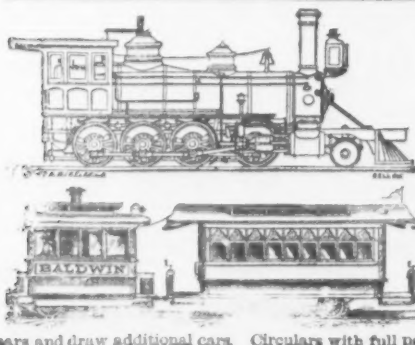
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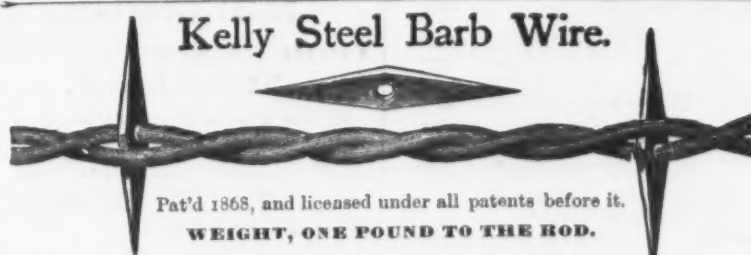
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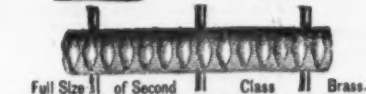
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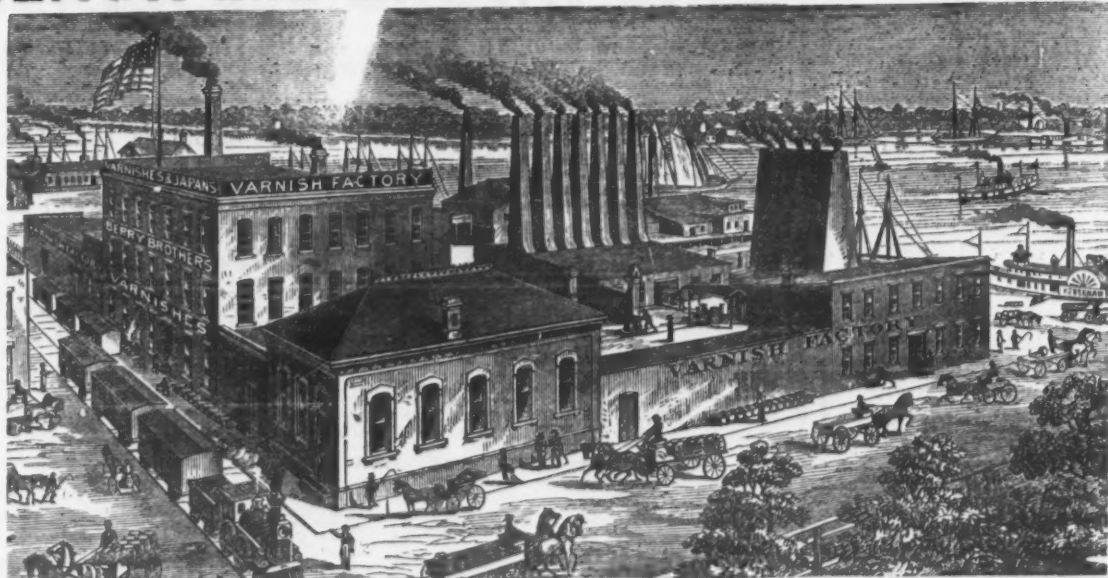
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The Consumption of Steam in Rolling Steel Rails at Seraing.*

BY J. KRAFT, CHIEF ENGINEER OF THE JOHN
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1. LOSS OF STEAM AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE RAIL INTO THE ROLLS.

At the moment when the rail enters the
rolls the pistons of the engines occupy a cer-
tain position and leave a space behind them.
This space must first be filled when steam is
admitted, and it does not, therefore, do any
effective work. The loss of steam thus
occasioned depends upon the position of the
pistons.

In drawing the pistons of a double cylin-
der engine at their various positions, it will
be easily found that the maximum loss is
equal to the volume of one and one-half
cylinders and the minimum one-half cylinder,
the average being one cylinderful. For a
three-cylinder engine the maximum loss is
two cylinderfuls, the minimum one cylinder-
ful, and the average one and one-half cylin-
derful. For a three-cylinder machine the
maximum is two, the minimum is one, and
the average is one and one-half cylinder-
fuls of steam. If both are of equal power,
the cylinders of an engine of the latter class
are two-thirds of those of a double cylinder
engine, so that the maximum loss is less and
the minimum loss is greater, the average
remaining the same. Both classes of engines
are, therefore, equal in this respect. The
following calculations refer to a two-cylin-
der engine, and the maximum loss of one
and one-half cylinderfuls of steam at the
time of the entrance of the rail between the
cylinders is assumed in all cases.

2. THE QUANTITY OF STEAM NECESSARY FOR ROLLING.

A. Blooming Train.—We may call l the
original length of ingot; L , its length after
rolling; m , the number of passes; c , the
circumference of the rolls; T , the theoretical
number of revolutions of rolls necessary for
rolling; r , ratio of gearing, and N , number
of cylinderfuls of steam necessary for roll-
ing.

The ingot is altogether stretched $L-l$,
and as this is done in m passes, we may
assume that the stretching done to one pass
is:

$$\frac{L-l}{m}$$

The length of the ingot after the first pass
is:

$$l + \frac{L-l}{m}$$

and the number of revolutions of the rolls
during the first pass:

$$n_1 = \frac{1}{c} \left(L + \frac{L-l}{m} \right) = \frac{1}{cm} \left(L + \frac{L-l}{m} \right)$$

The length of the ingot after m passes
will be:

$$l + m \left(\frac{L-l}{m} \right) = L$$

and the number of revolutions of the rolls
during m th pass.

$$n_m = \frac{m}{cm} \left(L + \frac{L-l}{m} \right) = \frac{L-l}{c}$$

Adding the number of revolutions of the
rolls during all the passes we have:

$$T = \frac{L-l}{cm} (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m) + \frac{L-l}{c}$$

Now as $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + m$ is equal to
 $\frac{m(m+1)}{2}$ we have:

$$T = \frac{1}{2c} [L(m+1) + l(m-1)]$$

This is the formula for finding the number
of the revolutions of the rolls necessary for
rolling in m passes and with rolls having a
circumference of c and ingot elongated
from l to the length L .

Every revolution of the rolls corresponds
to r strokes of the engine, and, taking the
case of a double cylinder engine, requires
four cylinderfuls of steam. The number
of cylinderfuls of steam necessary
for blooming is therefore:

$$N = \frac{2r}{c} [L(m+1) + l(m-1)]$$

B. The Finishing Train.—This has no
gearing, being direct acting. Therefore r
= 1 and we have:

$$N = \frac{2}{c} [L(m+1) + l(m-1)]$$

3. APPLICATION TO THE STEEL RAIL MILL AT SERAING.

We may take as an example the rails for the
Belgian state railways, which are rolled in
double lengths of 59 feet 6.6 inches. M. A.
Greiner, chief engineer of the steel works, fur-
nishes the following data: Weight of the in-
got, 1677 pounds; length, 3.67 feet; dimen-
sions of base of ingot, 13.58 inches square,
and of top of ingot, 11.81 inches square. The
length of the ingot after succeeding passes
in the blooming train was:

	1st groove	2nd	3rd	4th	5th
Weight	3.87 to 4.26 feet in 3 passes.	4.59	5.42	5.74	7.41
Length	3.87	4.59	5.42	5.74	7.41
Weight	3.87	4.59	5.42	5.74	7.41
Length	3.87	4.59	5.42	5.74	7.41

Total number of passes..... 11

In leaving the blooming train the ingot has
therefore obtained a length of 8.86 feet, and
a section of 7.71 inches square.

In the finishing train the bloom is stretched
in successive passages as follows:

	Passes.	Feet.	Passes.	Feet.
1st	9.8	4th	15.4	
2d	11.3	5th	16.9	
3d	13.1	6th	20.7	

* Revue Universelle des Mines.

Finishing Train.

Passes.	Feet.	Passes.	Feet.
1st	24.6	5th	41.7
2d	29.2	6th	44.7
3d	35.1	7th	46.5
4th	38.7		

In all, 13 passes. A 29 foot 6.34-inch rail
weighs 754 pounds; 400 rails, or 136 tons,
being rolled in 12 hours.

In the case of the Seraing Rolling Mills,
and the rails for the Belgian State railways,
we have therefore:

For the Blooming Train.

$$l = 3.77 \text{ feet.}$$

$$h = 8.86 \text{ "}$$

$$m = 0.11 \text{ "}$$

$$c = 8.90 \text{ " (diameter of rolls 34 inches).}$$

$$r = 2.$$

Introducing these values into our formula
we have for $N = 64.7$ cylinderfuls. To
this we must add $1\frac{1}{2}$ cylinderfuls of steam
as loss for each pass, or, in all, 16.5
cylinderfuls, and we find therefore that the
rolling of a bloom for a double length of rail
requires 81.2 cylinderfuls of steam.
The blooming train engine at Seraing has cylin-
ders 32.01 inches in diameter and 3.94
feet stroke. The volume of the cylinder is
therefore 22.245 cubic feet, and if it is as-
sumed that steam is cut off at seven-tenths
of the stroke, and that the clearances amount
to one-tenth, it will be seen that each cylin-
der uses $0.8 \times 22.245 = 17.796$ cubic
feet of steam. For good working an effective
boiler pressure of $3\frac{1}{2}$ atmospheres, or
52.5 pounds, is necessary. In the cylinders,
however, an initial pressure of only 3 at-
mospheres, or 45 pounds, can be counted
upon. A cubic foot of steam of 4 atmos-
pheres pressure (3 atmospheres effective
pressure) weighs 0.133 pounds, and thus every
cylinderful of steam consumes 0.133×17.796
= 2.367 pounds. The rolling of an
ingot in the Seraing blooming train requires,
therefore:

$$2.367 \times 81.2 = 192.2 \text{ pounds.}$$

For the Roughing and Finishing Trains.

$$l = 8.86 \text{ feet.}$$

$$L = 64.21 \text{ feet.}$$

$$m = 13.$$

$$c = 6.29 \text{ (diameter of rolls 2.0 feet).}$$

Entering these values into the formula,
we find that the number of volumes of cylin-
der is $N = 320$.

Adding to this $1\frac{1}{2}$ cylinderful volume as loss
during every pass, or 19.5 volumes in all,
we have as the consumption of steam in
rolling in the weighing and finishing rolls
339.5 cylinderfuls. The engine for this
train has two cylinders, having a diameter
of 3.28 feet and a stroke of 3.94 feet. The
cubic contents of each cylinder are, there-
fore, 33.286 cubic feet. As steam is ad-
mitted during seven-tenths of the stroke
and there is clearance space of about one-
tenth, each cylinderful requires $0.8 \times$
 $33.286 = 26.629$ cubic feet of steam. A
cubic foot of steam at three atmospheres
pressure weighs 0.133 pounds, so that the
steam for each cylinderful weighs 3.54
pounds. The rolling of a bloom with a
double rail, therefore, requires $3.54 \times$
 $339.5 = 1202.2$ pounds of steam.

Adding this to the quantity used in the
blooming mill, we have a total consumption
of steam, for a double rail weighing 1507.95
pounds, of 1394.4 pounds of steam.

4. BOILERS.

Four hundred single or 200 double rails
are rolled in 12 hours. Counting an actual
working time of 10 hours, 20 double rails
are rolled per hour. Every double rail re-
quires 1394.4 pounds of steam, so that the
consumption of steam per hour is 27,880
pounds, or 465 pounds per minute. If it
is assumed that the boilers evaporate 0.66144
pounds of steam per minute per square foot
of heating surface, it will be necessary
to have at least 7236 square feet of heating
surface. The boilers used at Seraing are
plain cylinders 5 feet 3 inches in diameter
and 52.5 feet long, and have a single heat-
ing drum 3 feet 7 inches in diameter and
46.6 feet long. They each have a heating
surface of 1076.4 square feet. Seven boilers
are, therefore, necessary.

When the mill was started only six boilers
were laid down, place being provided for an
additional one; this number of boilers was
found sufficient at first when smaller quan-
tities of rails were being rolled, but as the
production advanced eight boilers were
finally provided. These boilers were placed
at one side of the Bessemer blowing house,
six similar boilers (in use before the rail
mill was started) being situated at the other
side, providing steam for the Bessemer blow-
ing engines, the hydraulic pumps of the ac-
cumulators, the steam hoists for the cupolas,
and the engines for driving the cupola fans.
The fourteen boilers are always connected,
and two are kept as spare boilers. Besides
the above-named engines the boilers supply
steam also to the following: Two conden-
sing engines, one driving a blooming and the
other a finishing mill; a small engine for
driving the rolls for carrying the rails up to
the saw, two rail saws, one ingot-drawing
machine, a small steam hammer, two rail-
straightening presses, an engine working
the rail-finishing shop, and three donkey
pumps. Recently one of Sinclair-McNichol's
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the heating furnaces, which on trial was
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merly ranged between 0.145 and 0.273, to as
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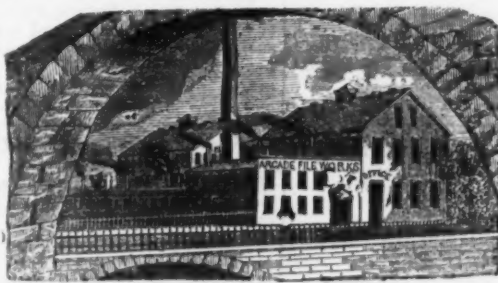
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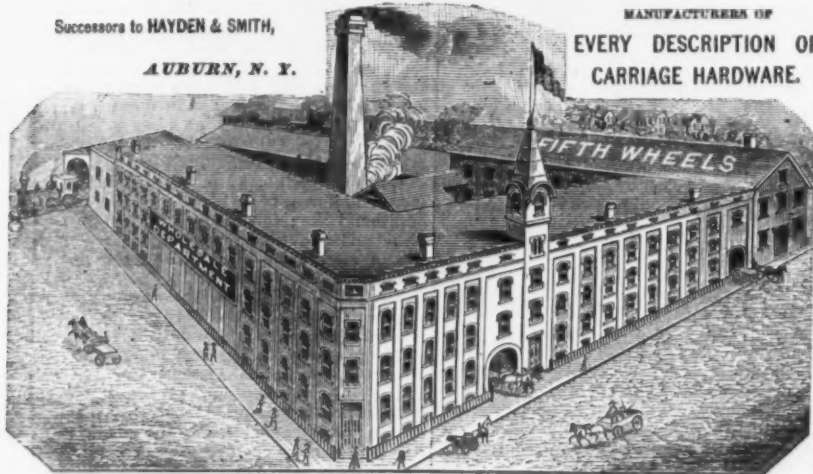
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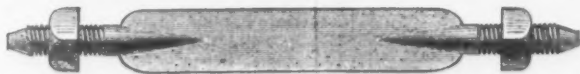
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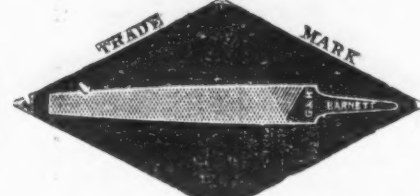
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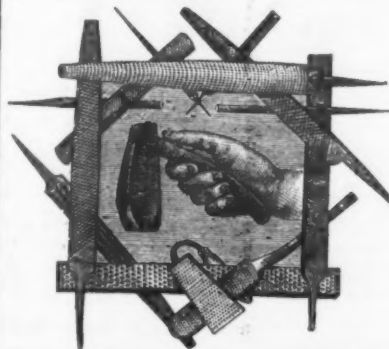
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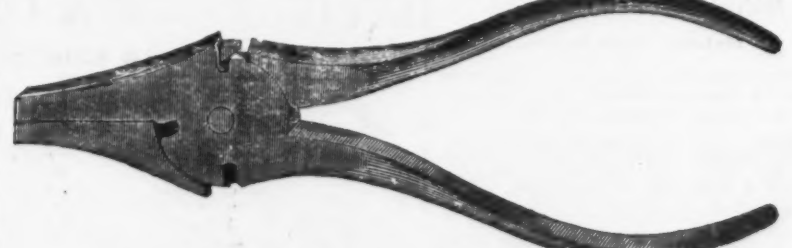
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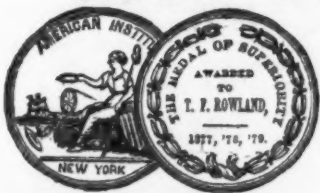
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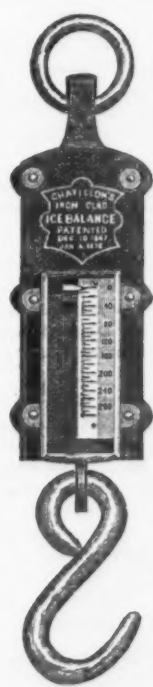
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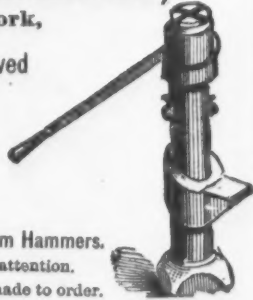
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The Growth of Railroads.

We take the following interesting article from the New York Daily Bulletin:

On the 15th of last month, Manchester and Liverpool had a grand celebration, or jubilee, commemorative of the commencement, 50 years ago, of the first railway between the two cities. Even in this country, familiar as we are with the rapid development of the railway system from year to year, it is difficult to realize that it is only within the memory of men who are still a decade on the sunny side of three score that mankind have had the advantage of it. With the locomotive a new era came in, from which modern material progress and all that constitutes the elements of an advancing civilization in both hemispheres takes date. And yet, when one reverts to the prejudices and opposition which the originators of the system had to encounter from a variety of local interests, ignorantly apprehensive of its operations and effects upon trade and commerce and the facilitating of social and business intercourse, one marvels at the short-sightedness and the narrow-mindedness which so frequently move men to stand in the way of movements which are calculated to ultimately benefit not only themselves, but the race at large. Perhaps no man ever had a more discouraging experience in this respect than Mr. Edward Pease, the originator of the Stockton and Darlington Railroad, which preceded the Manchester and Liverpool undertaking. A periodical, published more than 30 years ago, spoke of "the endless resistance he had to encounter; the hostility of antagonists, the cold support of friends, the vexatious obstacles, the absurd objections, the doubts of some, the prejudice of others, and the ignorance of all." At that time trade and commerce between Manchester and the seaboard were carried on chiefly by a very inadequate canal system, and during the winter months transit was often blocked by ice for weeks together: while in the summer time the low state of water frequently interfered with the rapid transit of goods. Yet, notwithstanding this, the opponents of the railroad carried their case into Parliament, and fought it step by step there. The *Railway News* specifies some of the more amusing allegations that were urged against the undertaking. Thus:

"The introduction of steam engines was to subject human beings to endless tortures. Not only supposed travelers, but the general public, would suffer from the intense noise, while life and limb would be endangered. The air, it was calculated, would be vitiated and kill the birds; cows would cease to give milk; farm produce would be rendered unmarketable; and last, not least, the race of horses would be exterminated. The London and provincial press chimed in with the general outcry. The merits of steam-power might delude for a short time, but it must ultimately end in mortifying all concerned. Exposed to sneers and satire, the bill fell through in Parliament after a discussion in committee whose sitting spread over 37 days."

Nevertheless, on the 6th of October, 1829, the trial took place which decided the future of George Stephenson in selecting his engine as the locomotive power to be used; and, finally, on the 15th of September, 1830, the railway between Manchester and Liverpool was officially opened, and from that day to this it has been working out results which have put human prejudice and ignorance to the blush. Instead of ruin to any interest, there are unspeakable advantages to all; and now, after a lapse of 50 years, an undertaking which was to ruin financially all concerned in it has expanded into a magnificent system, in which some £720,000,000 British capital is invested, and which has spread an iron network of nearly 18,000 miles over the United Kingdom, over which are annually transported between 5,000,000 and 6,000,000 passengers and from 200,000,000 to 220,000,000 tons of produce and merchandise.

On the Continent, singular to say, it was slow and unprogressive. Austria was the first to look upon the new system with positive favor. In Germany, the first railway was heard of in Bavaria, and in France nothing of importance was accomplished until some years subsequently. When the first line was proposed, from Paris to Versailles, it is on record that even so far-seeing and enlightened a statesman as M. Thiers spoke of the enterprise as but "an expensive plaything" that "had no future." This was on a par with the memorable prediction of our own Dr. Lardner, that the application of steam to ocean navigation was simply an impossibility. The progress which the system subsequently made will be seen by a reference to the following figures, giving the respective lengths of lines in English miles:

	1840.	1850.	1860.	1870.	1880.
Austria.....	293	1,394	3,405	6,063	11,500
Belgium.....	207	330	1,053	1,864	2,400
Germany.....	265	1,868	8,863	10,933	19,000
France.....	291	3,617	6,887	11,594	17,000
Great Britain.....	438	6,621	10,433	15,145	18,000
Holland.....	10	111	241	924	1,300
Italy.....	5	265	1,118	3,810	5,000
Russia.....	373	987	6,953	15,000	
Spain.....	17	1,024	3,489	3,800	
Switzerland.....	17	681	900	2,700	
All other States.....	18	102	756	3,895	6,600

Total Europe.....1,928 114,932 32,248 65,466 108,700

At the Liverpool and Manchester commemoration, the marvelous progress of the United States in developing the system was freely recognized. For that matter, the *London Railway News*, from which we compile these statistics, goes so far as to admit that while Great Britain is ahead of all other countries in extending and bringing it to its present perfection, "we are outstripped in some respects on the American Continent, where in many places the railroad precedes and supercedes public roads." The comparison of growth between Europe and America is given by decades in this form:

	1840.	1850.	1860.	1870.	1880.
Europe.....	1,928	14,032	32,248	65,466	108,700
United States.....	3,319	8,589	30,953	54,535	88,000

The capital at present invested in these 100,000 miles of railway is roughly estimated at a sum exceeding £4,000,000,000, of which £2,000,000,000 is credited to Europe and £1,000,000,000 to the United States.

Impressive as these statistics are, in one sense, he who does not look beyond them as

from cause to effect, can have very inadequate conception of the overshadowing influence which this comparatively new factor in modern civilization and modern progress is coming to exercise upon all the complex interests of society and the State. It is already a controlling financial and commercial element; and, what is more, it promises to become in the future a dominating and political influence, as occasion may arise, in shaping the policies of the State and Federal governments; and this, too, without especial reference to the welfare or the wishes of the people if these stand in its way. Indeed, it is not too much to say that the most colossal power in this country today is the railroad power. The public can change their civil rulers as often as they please and bring the government into harmony with the popular will, but this is a power which occupies a sphere wholly its own. It is a law unto itself, while nominally subject to the laws of the land. The public can make or unmake presidents, governors, judges, mayors, but what people have it in their power to remove the railroad monarch, or the railroad monarchs! The time is coming when the dominating powers of the railroad interest must compel such a revision of its relations to the State and the community as will remove the existing tendency to a misuse or perversion of those powers, while carefully abstaining from such legislative meddling—for the sake of meddling—as will check the healthy development of the system. That revision, it must be borne in mind, touches the business interests of the country too nearly to be roughly handled. It will not do for the noisy demagogue to attempt it. It is pre-eminently the work of the statesman and the political economist; and if the signs of the times do not mislead, we are persuaded it will not be long before, in deference to an irresistible public opinion, they must enter upon it.

John Wilson's Knives and Steels.

The *Ironmonger*, of London, prints the following description of an old and important industry which will interest very many of our readers:

We have had an opportunity of going over the works of the old and well-known house of John Wilson, who has so long and successfully been engaged in the manufacture of butchers' knives, butchers' steels, and shoe knives; and whose products, carrying the trade-mark, "four peppercorns and a diamond," have found their way to almost all, if not all, the commercial markets of the world. The celebrity of the productions of this house commands for them a steady sale in this country; they are very largely exported to the United States and Canada; are in increasing demand in Australia, Germany, and Russia; and make their way in fair quantities to Africa and the East and West Indies. Experience has unfortunately shown that it is no uncommon occurrence for old and once distinguished houses to be superseded by others of younger growth, and recede into desuetude and decay; but such is not the case with the house now under notice. It not only possesses vitality, and is able to hold its own, but in its own special line of business it is prosecuting its vocation with a vigor and a success greatly in advance of its earlier years. Originated in 1750, and leaving competition with inferior and low-priced goods to others, it has steadily and perseveringly pursued its own fixed principle of sending out none but goods of the highest class quality at fair remunerative rates, and, extraordinary as it may and probably will appear, all through recent years of continuous and almost universal and unprecedented bad trade, the sales of this house have gradually increased, until, at the present time, they have assumed considerably larger proportions than they have ever reached in the whole course of its history. This is a great deal to be able to say, and the house whose experience it is may fairly be congratulated upon it.

The reason for this satisfactory state of things is not far to seek. The whole secret is embodied in the words "excellence of quality." It cannot be price, for much lower-priced goods are sold. Some say the mark has a great deal to do with it; undoubtedly it has, but the reputation of the mark has been made solely by its representing good quality; and if the quality were not jealously and watchfully maintained, the mark would not long hold its justly acquired repute. Every article, we are assured, of John Wilson's manufacture is produced from the best class of steel, and quality and adaptability are the first objects sought; cost is of secondary consideration. All steel intended for use in his manufactory is selected by thoroughly experienced and practical hands, under the most rigid supervision. After passing through certain special processes of manipulation, it is submitted to that of "shearing," and is made into what is technically termed "double-shear" steel, from which are made all of John Wilson's butchers' and shoe knives. His butchers' steels are made from cast steel specially prepared. The following brief description will convey some idea of the care which is exercised in the production of John Wilson's knives: The blades having been forged by skilled workmen under strict supervision, they are hardened and tempered by others, whose sole duty it is to attend to this special and very important department, instead of being left to the forgers when making, as is commonly done. The blades being thus hardened and tempered, pass under the inspection of another workman, whose duty it is to examine them carefully, with a view of detecting any that may have been a little under or over tempered, and to lay out any that are not right in this or other respects. The blades are then in a fit state to go into the hands of the grinders, and on being returned by them are again submitted to a further examination, and any faulty ones, from imperfect grinding or other cause, are rejected. Then follows the process of hafting, and having thus become knives, each knife separately undergoes another and final scrutiny prior to being wrapped up and sent out. These works find employment for a large staff of workmen in the various branches, from some of whom I was pleased to learn, in course of a conversation with them, that the whole of the hands have had full and constant

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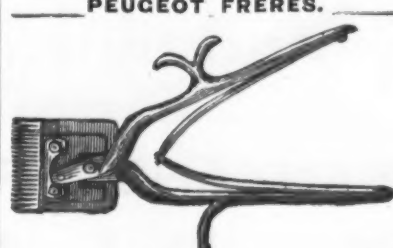
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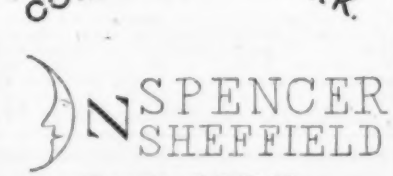
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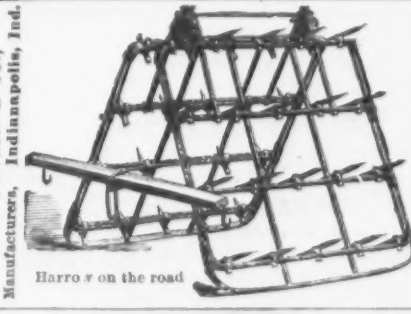
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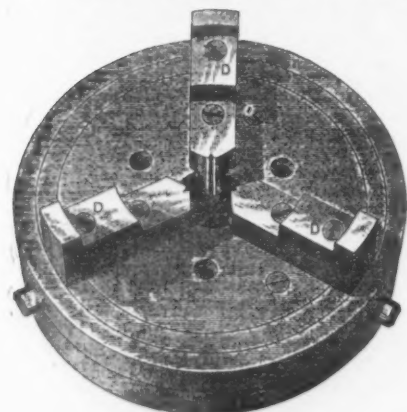


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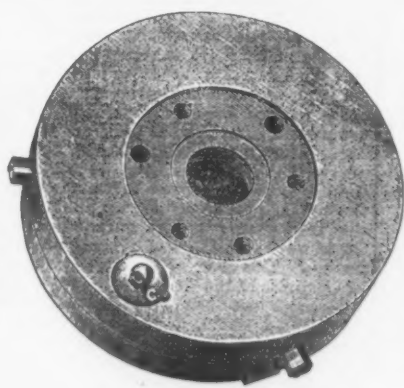


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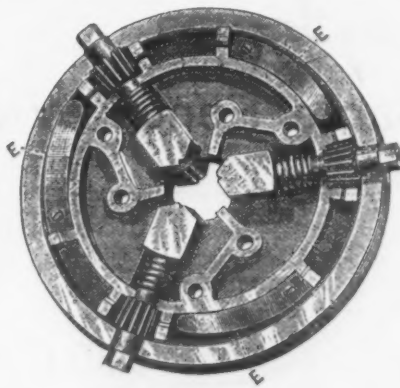


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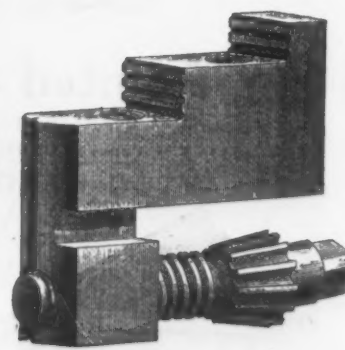


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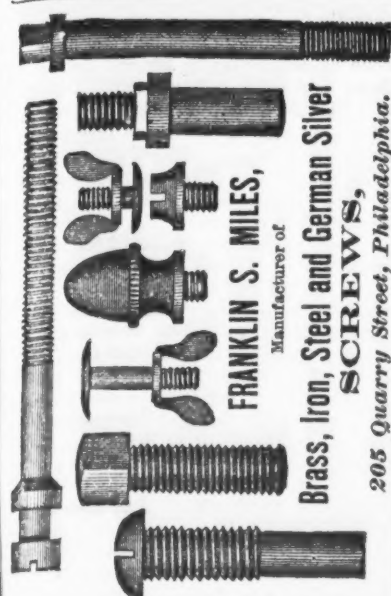
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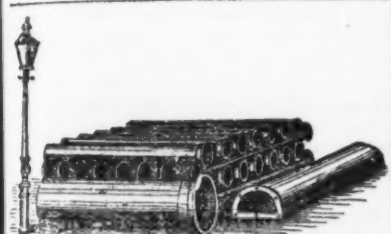


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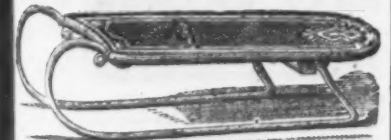


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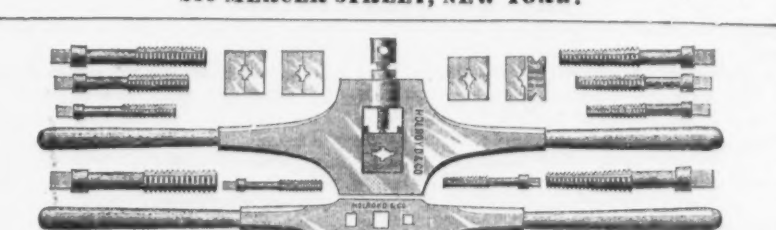
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ulated by the American demand, and now that the American orders are about all completed, the weight of production is being felt, and the course of prices during the last week appears to give confirmation to this conclusion.

Although it is reasonable to look for a gradual extension of trade, both at home and abroad, under the improved conditions which now exist, still some little time must be allowed for this demand to manifest itself, and meanwhile it is not improbable that this overproduction will have to be restrained. Advances from Scotland seem to indicate that there will be some reduction in that quarter, and now that Middlesbrough is producing such an enormous quantity, the competition of that district is likely to be felt all over England, and will no doubt compel the blowing out of furnaces less favorably situated for making cheap iron, so that in time we may look for the production and consumption being more nearly balanced than at present.

Until this is reached, the position of the iron trade cannot be pronounced satisfactory, although the present condition of things may lead to the cheapening of production and exceptionally low prices for a time.

The Reading Companies.

Mr. J. W. Jones, an ex-Vice President of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad, has published the following letter, which will be read with much interest:

To the Stockholders, Bondholders and Creditors of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company: If the report be true that the London committee of bondholders assert that the stock and junior issue of bonds must be assessed, I respectfully submit to your consideration whether the time has not arrived when it is imperative for you to take some measures to protect your property.

It is not true that there is any necessity for an assessment, and I appeal to you to examine the figures below and judge for yourselves, and not allow a committee of gentlemen, necessarily ignorant of the inner workings of your company, to confiscate your property without an effort on your part to save it, for, in the cases of thousands of small holders, assessment means confiscation. This is too obvious for any argument:

The capital stock of the Railroad Company is \$34,276,175. The old mortgages, the consolidated, improvement and general mortgage bonds amount to \$3,239,500. The Coal Company divisional bonds amount to \$2,638,000. The bonds and mortgages on real estate amount to (Railroad Company, \$1,216,233; Coal Company, \$896,234). 2,812,467. The annual interest on these is \$63,689,987. The debenture, convertible and income bonds and scrip of the Railroad Company \$19,846,719. The debenture bonds of the Coal Company 1,731,000 21,577,719. The floating debt amounts to \$15,000,000.

Suppose you—1. Convert the income, debenture and convertible bonds and scrip into second preferred stock, bearing 5 per cent. interest, if earned. 2. Issue \$15,000,000 of first preferred stock, with which to retire the floating debt. 3. Scale the coal company mortgage bonds \$200,000 per annum, which can possibly be done by consent of holders; if not, then by foreclosure.

The case would then stand as follows: Take, first, results under the present management:

The gross receipts of the railroad company for nine months ending August 31, as published, are \$12,446,703. Gross expenses, including rentals of leased roads, &c. (7 1/2 per cent.) 9,538,245. Net profits \$2,908,457. Add net profit for September estimated 1,000,000. Add net profit for October estimated 750,000. Add net profit for November estimated 600,000. Net profits for 1880 \$4,258,457. Which will pay the interest on 1st, the old mortgage bonds of \$5,573,300 350,000. 2d, the consolidated bonds of \$1,846,000 1,231,430. 3d, the improvement bonds of \$3,364,000 501,840. 4th, the general mortgage bonds of \$19,686,000 1,181,160. 5th, interest on the divisional coal land bonds, and on bonds and mortgages on real estate 942,366. 6th, the interest on bonds and mortgages, real estate (railroad) 114,975. 7th, the 6 per cent. on \$5,000,000 of new first preferred stock 300,000. Total \$5,284,721.

That is, the company under its present extravagant management is earning the interest on all the mortgage bonds (except the income) of both railroad and coal company, and a dividend of 6 per cent. on the \$15,000,000 of first preferred stock. The mining operations of the company are about paying expenses.

But, secondly, suppose the road were worked as economically as other similar roads, the result would be about as follows: Say 50 per cent., 13 1/4 per cent. for rentals of leased lines, &c.; total 63 1/4, instead of 76 1/2 per cent. of the gross receipts:

Gross receipts for nine months, as above \$12,446,703. Gross expenses, say 63 1/2 per cent. 7,903,656. Net profit \$4,543,047. Add net profit for September on above basis 1,300,000. Add net profit for October on above basis 850,000. Add net profit for November on above basis 675,000. Total net profit for year \$7,368,047.

This will pay: 1st, the interest on all mortgage bonds, and on bonds and mortgages on real estate of both companies \$4,184,721. 2d, a dividend of 6 per cent. on \$15,000,000 of first preferred stock 900,000. 3d, a dividend of 5 per cent. on the second preferred stock 1,078,886. 4th, a dividend of 3 per cent. on the common stock 1,028,345. Total \$7,191,952.

The surplus would meet any probable liability for interest on guaranteed bonds of the iron company, &c. If it be questioned that

this result is possible, I answer, it has been done, and there is no reason why it cannot be done again, and even better results obtained, after the road and rolling stock are put in first-class condition.

The average ratio of expenses for five successive years (1861 to 1865, both inclusive), less rentals, was 46 7-10 per cent.

Year.	Ratio. Per cent.	Receipts per ton of coal.
1861.....	49 1/2	\$1.28 2-10
1862.....	43 7-10	1.24 6-10
1863.....	43 8-10	1.39 8-10
1864.....	46 8-10	2.15
1865.....	37 3-10	2.79 1-10

If it be true that the stocks owned by the company of roads controlled and leased by them are pledged as collateral for a portion of the floating debt, it is of prime importance that this debt should first be provided for. The loss of control of valuable feeders would be disastrous, and I submit that the simplest and easiest way to provide for the floating debt is to issue a first preferred stock, and give the holders of the common stock the privilege of taking it at par. It is worth par, and the present earnings are sufficient to pay 6 per cent. dividend upon it. The balance of the floating debt is presumed to be secured by a pledge of income and general mortgage bonds, but as it would be suicidal to increase the annual interest charge of the company, these bonds should be cancelled.

This paper is published at the earnest request of gentlemen largely interested pecuniarily. Very respectfully, J. W. JONES,

Ex-Vice-President P. & R. Railroad Co. PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 9, 1880.

Business Enterprise in Postal Service.

The steamship City of Sydney, carrying the Australian mails, left the port of Sydney on September 9, and after an extraordinarily rapid voyage arrived at San Francisco 45 hours ahead of schedule time, but too late for that day's train eastward on the Central Pacific Railroad. Having been immediately notified of the arrival of the steamship at San Francisco, Postmaster James was very anxious to have her mails reach the steamship Arizona, which sailed at noon on Tuesday last for Queenstown. On the 7th inst. he called upon Mr. Sidney Dillon, president of the Union Pacific Railroad, with whom he found Mr. Towne, of San Francisco, the general superintendent of the Central Pacific Railroad, and Mr. Clarke, of Omaha, the general manager of the Union Pacific road. Postmaster James, having laid the matter before Mr. Dillon, the latter turned to Mr. Towne and asked, "Where is the passenger train that left San Francisco on October 6?" "The reply was, 'It is on the Humboldt division.' " "Then," said Mr. Dillon, "telegraph to put on a special, take the mail and overtake the train that left San Francisco on the 6th." "Why," interposed Mr. Clarke, "we shall have to run 1000 miles at an expense of over \$1000 to overtake that train." "Never mind," replied Mr. Dillon, "put on the special." Having been thus assured of hearty co-operation in his praiseworthy design, Postmaster James lost no time in sending a dispatch to Mr. William B. Thompson, General Railway Mail Superintendent at Washington, making him acquainted with the arrangements.

Superintendent Thompson accordingly gave instructions to the postal clerks along the route, as well as to the postmasters at Omaha, Chicago and Pittsburgh, to facilitate by every means in their power the dispatch of the Australian mail. That the officials alluded to were on the alert was soon manifest. On the 9th inst. Postmaster James received a telegram from Postmaster Thomas F. Hall, at Omaha, setting forth that the Australian mails had arrived there and had been dispatched in the train which left Omaha at a quarter to five o'clock on that date. From Chicago, Superintendent James F. White, of the railway mail service, telegraphed to Postmaster James on the 10th inst. that 243 sacks of foreign mail matter had been forwarded from there at 10 minutes to four p. m. on that day via Pittsburgh. The next dispatch, bearing date of the 11th, was sent by Mr. Cunningham, the local postal agent at Pittsburgh, to his chief, E. C. Jackson, superintendent of the railway mail service division, in this city. This set forth that the foreign mail arrived at Pittsburgh by train No. 6, on the Pittsburgh and Fort Wayne Railroad, at half-past seven a. m. Monday morning, and was forwarded by train No. 8, on the Pennsylvania Railroad, at 15 minutes to nine a. m. The latter train arrived at Jersey City about 10 o'clock Monday evening, and the British mail duly transferred to the steamship Arizona on Tuesday morning. It is expected that the latter will make the trip to Queenstown in seven days, thus making the time from Sydney to London about 41 days. According to the last report of the Postmaster-General of New Zealand, the average time consumed in the voyage from Sydney via San Francisco has been 45 days and about six hours, and by way of the Suez Canal 46 days and about four hours. It will, therefore, be seen that the City of Sydney has reduced the time of the voyage nearly four and one-half days.

An old idea has turned up in a new form at Kiel, Germany, where a trial was made recently with a so-called "hydro-motor ship," built after the plans of Dr. Fleischer, of Leipzig. The vessel, which is 17 feet beam, 110 feet long, 5 1/2 feet draft and 100 tons burden, made 10 knots an hour. She is propelled by the force of hydraulic reaction, without the aid of either paddles or screw. The water passes into a reservoir in the hold through holes in the bottom, and is thence pumped out and emptied into the sea by a centrifugal pump worked by the ship's engine, the discharge of water propelling the vessel. The engine discharged 5000 gallons per minute, and is said to have furnished a stronger propelling power than screw or paddle, while the motion was without jar and as gentle as sailing. The ship could be stopped, backed or turned instantly, so as to be free from all danger of collision. Indeed, a vessel thus propelled, it is stated, can be made to revolve in a circle about its own axis.

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It is asserted that the railroads—those great obstructions to all advance—are the inspiration of all the objections to the Panama Canal. It is even charged that Mr. Nimmo's report on this subject is written in the interests of the railroads, and that his statements are willfully incomplete and favorable to them. We do not think the railroads of this country are much concerned at the prospect of the undertaking to build the Panama Canal, not to speak of its building; and if they are, it is a useless trouble. The steel on the track of the Pacific roads will be worn out several times by the heavy traffic and renewed before the canal will be built. The new enterprises that are pushing westward at the present time to the Pacific show that capitalists have little fear of its being built, or, if built, that it will interfere seriously with their revenues. If it be true that La Société Générale, of Paris, has become a member of the Canadian Pacific syndicate, it will also show that even in de Lesseps' home there is some skepticism as to his project.

Fire Inspection in Factories.

Precautions for the prevention of fires and for the prompt suppression of incipient conflagration, are the best kind of insurance. There may be times when a manufacturer would rather "sell his shop and stock to the underwriters" than not; but, ordinarily, no amount of insurance which a man can get will compensate him for the loss of his works, for the destruction of drawings and patterns and templates and records, or for the interruption to his business which a serious fire causes. The advantage of precautions against fire, and of adequate provision for dealing with it when it makes its appearance, is more generally appreciated now than it was a few years ago, and perhaps these precautions would become quite general if the underwriters should make it an object to manufacturers to do what they can to avert the danger of loss. We have lately had our attention called to the admirable system adopted by the Yale Lock Company, at Stamford, Conn., to protect their property. But the mere provision of means will not count for much without that "eternal vigilance" which is the price of safety. To devise a good system of protection is easy enough; but to insure that this system shall at all times be in perfect working order is not so easy. The managers of the Yale Lock Company have organized a thorough weekly inspection of their premises, reports of which are made to the inspectors on blanks attached to printed instructions. We give below the text of these instructions, with the form of blank used by the inspectors:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSPECTION OF FIRE APPARATUS.
—YALE LOCK MANUFACTURING COMPANY, STAM-
FORD, CONN.

Each inspection is to cover the entire premises of the company.

1. The inspector will examine every hose connection, move every hose valve or cock and see that the hose is properly connected and readily accessible for use. Also see that every fire bucket is filled with water, and that each fire lantern is filled, trimmed and ready for use.

2. The inspector will carefully examine the surroundings of every steam boiler, stove and heater, to see that no inflammable materials are near them, that all smoke and flue connections are tight, stove pipes well secured, and everything safe.

3. The inspector will carefully follow the line of every steam pipe, throughout its whole length, to see that it is not in contact with wood, and that no waste or other inflammable materials are near it. In summer this need apply only to such pipes as are then in use. In winter all steam pipes must be so inspected. Any leaks in pipes or valves are to be immediately reported to the superintendent.

4. The inspector will carefully examine spaces beneath all work-benches and tables, and will remove therefrom any inflammable materials he may find. All cases of carelessness which he may note in this inspection to be promptly reported.

5. The inspector will particularly examine all places where oil, varnish, alcohol, lacquer, Japan, &c., are stored, to see that every precaution is taken against fire. He will also inspect every receptacle for dirty waste, to see that it is in proper order and place.

6. The inspector will note the condition of the yards, and see that no accumulation of inflammable materials occurs near any of the buildings.

7. Once monthly the inspector will carefully examine every chimney used for fires, to see that its joints are tight, particularly near the roof or other woodwork, and that no inflammable dirt is collected near it.

8. Once each month the inspector will take down and uncoil every fire hose, leaving it extended over night and replacing it properly the next day. In doing this he will note the condition of the hose and see particularly that it is not becoming cracked or injured by the method of hanging or otherwise. All defects in hose to be promptly reported to the superintendent.

REPORT.

To the Superintendent:

I have to report that on.....

I made a thorough inspection, in accordance with the above instructions.

I found the instructions numbered.....

.....to have been properly complied with, and everything in the place and condition designated.

I found violations of the instructions numbered.....

I report the following matters as needing attention, viz.:

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I make the following suggestions for the better protection of the property, viz.:

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election time. Each torch holds a pint, and the 100,000 men would need 100,000 pints of oil, or 12,500 gallons a night, or 375,000 gallons for the season. Now, if some one would figure out the tin and wicks and wood, what an aggregate these torch lights would make.

Norway as a Freight Carrier.

Any one reading attentively the daily arrivals and departures of vessels at New York or any other American seaport, cannot have failed to be struck by the number carrying the Scandinavian flags—Norwegian and Swedish. The Norwegian government has just published statistics of navigation under the Norwegian flag in 1878, and the figures, especially those having reference to the carrying trade under it from the United States to Europe—England in particular—in sailing vessels, are so remarkable, disclosing such an enormous increase, that we think it worth while going into details.

The merchant fleet of Norway increased in 1878, 33,600 tons, and at the close of that year consisted of 7942 sailing vessels and 306 steamers. The former measured, in the aggregate, 1,475,105 tons, and the latter 51,674 tons. The sailing-vessel tonnage was, therefore, about 88 per cent., and that of steamers 12 per cent. The proportion of the latter is, consequently, an exceedingly small one. In Finland it is 11 per cent.; in Greece, 17 per cent.; in Italy, 22 per cent.; in England, 72 per cent.; and in other European countries about 50 per cent. This shows at a glance that the great strength and advantages possessed by Norway as a carrier lie in her cheap and well-built sailing vessels—and, indeed, while steam gradually supersedes sail nearly everywhere else, the Norwegian flag prospers while floating over sailing vessels, and these steadily increase. Their main sustenance seems to be drawn from the American trade.

While sailing vessels in the five years 1873-77 increased from 1,183,027 tons to 1,475,015, steamers rose from 41,166 to 51,674; both, therefore, showed an increase of 25 per cent. During the preceding five years sailing vessels had increased 29 per cent. and steamers 285 per cent. This goes to prove that the large increase of steamers between 1869 and 1873 was the result of transient causes, because the trade with near-by countries demanded it, but that for transatlantic navigation sailing vessels are preferred by the Norwegians, and therefore increase.

The gross amount of freight earned by Norwegian craft in 1878, in the trade with foreign ports, amounted to 95,279,500 crowns, the crown being worth about 26 cents of our money, against 95,444,000 crowns in 1877 and 103,000,000 crowns in 1876, the average of the five years (1873-77) being 101,000,000 crowns; but of these amounts the trade between Norway and foreign countries only produced 18,000,000 crowns on freights, and that between foreign countries 77,000,000 crowns; in 1877 the proportion was 21,000,000 and 77,000,000, and in 1876, 20,000,000 and 83,000,000.

In 1878 the export of produce from the United States alone gave the Norwegian flag 34,733,000 crowns from freights, against 25,000,000 in 1877, and 17,000,000 in 1876; in other words, the gross earnings from this source alone doubled in two years. Adding thereto 6,624,000 crowns from Canada, and 2,000,000 crowns from Central America and the West Indies, and the freight from Europe to America, and it will be found that the entire American-European traffic alone earned for the Norwegians 45,000,000 crowns in 1878 out of the 95,279,500 earned in the trade with and between foreign nations.

The general theory that steam is bound to eventually supersede sailing-vessel navigation, does not seem to hold good as regards Norway at least. Norway is a country covered with thick forests, which grow even on the precipitous slopes of her rough coast; the timber is excellent, and easily transported to the shipyards. The population is mostly devoted for the past two thousand years to fishing and navigation; there is an abundance of hardy and able seafaring men—captains, officers and crews. Agricultural and industrial pursuits are of comparative insignificance in this great marine country, although the Gulf Stream tempers the climate, and the long summer days admit even the growing of wheat to some extent. But marine pursuits are the life of Norway, and nearly all the vessels are owned on small shares, of which nearly everybody who possesses anything is a holder. The same relates to fishing, also largely carried on in the same manner. The captain being interested, and possessing the free disposal of chartering and navigating his vessel on strictly economical principles, it is not surprising that the Norwegian flag should have a large share of the world's carrying trade. The same rules which underlie the maritime prosperity of Norway prevailed in the ports of our Eastern States at a time when manufacturing industry did not yet absorb the enterprise, capital and labor it does at present.

Under these circumstances it seems to us easily explained why our own prominence as builders and navigators of sailing vessels has been, and is, on the decline, while that of Norway, on the contrary, rises. It appears to be plain enough that, in competing with Norway in sailing vessels, we and other nations find it at times difficult or impossible

to make money, where the Norwegian skipper clears a living profit.

Pittsburgh's White Elephant.

The Pittsburgh pumping engines, after unnumbered breakdowns and repairs, have at last actually worked long enough to make a test. The mechanical engineer has made the test and reported upon it. The following are the chief points as given by the Pittsburgh papers:

Engines Nos. 1 and 2 have been working very satisfactorily during the past three months. Two small cracks have been discovered in the cylinder head of No. 2, which can be repaired when the work on No. 3 is completed. During the month of September 25, 1880, the engines have been delivered at the works. The engines have worked 283 hours, pumping to the reservoir 279,585,000 gallons of water, making an average of 9,319,500 gallons per day. On Saturday, September 25, the engines pumped 13,851,000 gallons, and on the following morning there was no increase in the quantity of water at the reservoir, showing there is more water drawn from the reservoir one day than another. In order to test at what speed the engines would work the most economical, a trial was made on September 25. They were worked at 6½ revolutions per minute for 1½ hours, raising to the reservoir 13,851,000 gallons, consuming 1075 bushels of coal. A second trial was made September 26, at a speed of 8 1/2 revolutions per minute, raising to the reservoir 14,445,000 gallons, and consuming 1035 bushels of coal, demonstrating that the higher the speed the more water is pumped and the less fuel consumed.

The quantity of water pumped at the average speed of the engines is remarkably small, considering their size and cost. Ten thousand dollars worth of steam pumps, taken at list price from makers' catalogues, would do as much work, and it is a question whether they could not show as great a measure of economy. The difference in the interest account would certainly buy the fuel for the cheaper pumps, and show a large surplus for a sinking fund. We quote again:

Owing to the inferior material used in the construction of the engines, however, the engineer does not deem it safe to run the engines to their full capacity—to revolutions per minute. In his report the mechanical engineer recites the action of the court in the suit of Hartup vs. the city, closing as follows: "While I am not dissatisfied with the result of the trial, I would have been gratified to have been permitted to have given to the court my reasons for refusing to give an estimate on the work done by Mr. Hartup. I was acting as an umpire between Mr. Hartup and the city, and as such I was in duty bound to see justice done on either side, and it is with pride (and I hope a pardonable one) that I state that the honorable judges of our courts have sustained me in all my actions."

Mr. Lowry seems to have made out a case against Mr. Hartup on the ground of inferior material, but we fancy that no metal in the known world would stand under the extraordinary strains entailed by the designs of these engines. Mr. Lowry's action, which seems to give him so much satisfaction, was practically that of a most interested umpire, since if Mr. Hartup was not beaten Mr. Lowry would have stood condemned, in a most unpleasant manner, for designing engines which could not be built and give satisfaction, even by day's work.

After hearing elaborate evidence and reaching a proper frame of mind for passing judgment, the coroner's jury of the Hudson River Tunnel disaster has given to the world its verdict as to who is responsible for that calamity. The result is characteristic of the whole system. Instead of making an attempt to arrive at an intelligent opinion concerning the causes of the disaster, and with the aid of opinions thus formed point out who could possibly have been responsible, the jury distinctly and emphatically exonerate the conductors of the enterprise. Conscious, possibly, of their inability to do what they are called upon to perform, the jurymen seldom venture the opinion that any one is to blame for something which they do not understand. After profound study of evidence relating to the tunnel, they arrive at the conclusion that nobody is to blame, and if anybody is free from a shadow of fault, it is the responsible head of the enterprise and "the promoters," whoever they may be. We have no wish to enter into the merits of the case, nor have we any desire to intimate that those constituting the coroner's jury in it is a special instance deserve any blame. They are no better and no worse than coroners' juries in general, and their verdict is only noted as one more in the long list which proves how utterly inefficient and valueless the present system is. The contrast is striking between our examinations of such disasters and those instituted in England, where the jury are assisted by government officials of the highest professional standing. Though the English system is not by any means perfect, and it would not do to take it as a model, it is far superior to our own, which calls for a thorough and comprehensive reform. Our coroner's jury system is probably equal to dealing satisfactorily with the question of how a man who was killed in a street fight came to his death, especially when it is positively known who struck or shot him; but when it comes to wholesale slaughter by a boiler explosion, a steamboat disaster, a railroad smash-up or an accident to some piece of engineering work, they are simply confused by the conflicting testimony, and illustrate in their verdicts the wisdom of Dogberry.

We should suppose there would be no difficulty in devising and maintaining a system of signals so perfect that collisions on our elevated railroads would be practically impossible. In the absence of such precautionary measures such accidents are becoming

unpleasantly frequent, and we may reasonably expect that before very long we shall have one so destructive to life and limb as to create a popular feeling against these roads. This is a matter which properly calls for the notice of the Grand Jury. It is wrong to require a railroad company to do anything it cannot do, but any necessary thing which it can do and will not, it should be promptly required to do. The individual citizen is in no position to defend his own interests in such matters. True, he may refuse to ride on the elevated roads if he considers them unsafe or badly managed, but they are built for public convenience, and every citizen has not only the right to use them, but the right to demand that in the enjoyment of the facilities they offer him for rapid transit he shall be protected against every known and recognized cause of danger.

We print in another column an interesting statistical article from the London Economist on the present overproduction of pig iron in Great Britain. The transient and speculative demand from this country, first felt in September, 1879, was not understood at the time and gave an unnatural impetus to production, and there are now 601 furnaces in blast, as compared with 458 in November, 1879. The production of 1879 was 6,000,000 tons; the present production is at the rate of 7,500,000 tons per annum. As American contracts are filled and closed and no new orders are coming, or can reasonably be expected to come, production will have to be considerably curtailed and furnaces blown out all over the country. What a godsend an American "tariff for revenue only" would be to the British iron trade just now. But as they cannot expect to get this, under any circumstances, much, if any, before 1882, and as they cannot by any means be sure of it even then, they are likely to accept the unpleasant fact of overproduction and depression. Statistics show that the late "revival" in Great Britain rested on a very slender foundation, since there was no important increase in the demand from any other country than this. But the most significant figures, as showing the present condition of Great Britain, are the statistics of the estimated home consumption of iron. They are as follows for a series of years:

Year.	Tons.	Year.	Tons.
1870	3,091,202	1875	3,824,847
1871	3,674,974	1876	4,030,344
1872	3,688,870	1877	3,818,065
1873	3,644,437	1878	3,776,237
1874	3,343,574	1879	3,792,557

These estimates, which we find in *Ryland's*, show that the home consumption of iron was less in 1879 than in any year since 1870. The exports in 1879 were also less than in any year since 1870.

The fever of railroad building appears to have taken hold of the Mexican people, the more progressive and enlightened of the citizens of our neighboring republic doing all within their power to further schemes now actually being carried out or in contemplation. The majority of the enterprises now on foot are largely, and in some cases exclusively, conducted and controlled by American capital and engineers, and, naturally, considerable benefit is derived from them directly by manufacturers in this country. Important though this fact may be for the moment, it is insignificant when compared with the advantages likely to accrue to them if the vast territory of Mexico is rendered more productive and opened to commerce in an intelligent manner. American manufacturers have, therefore, a deep interest in the success of the establishment of a net of Mexican railways, and there are some reasons which encourage the belief that the building of the lines will be free from some of the errors which have burdened the development of the system in other countries, and notably in Brazil. In the latter country much money has been wasted and a heavy debt incurred by the want of an intelligent development. The local governments of the provinces, which had a controlling voice in the matter, were more intent upon petty present advantages, which they were incapable of sacrificing to the general interests of the country. This has given the railway system of Brazil a disjointed character, which is a severe drawback upon her present prosperity and future development. These mistakes, it seems, are not being repeated in Mexico. The plans are comprehensive and their execution is in the hands of a few large and powerful corporations, who are not likely to waste their substance in lines of minor importance before the main highways of travel are secured.

We print elsewhere a translation of a paper by M. J. Kraft, chief engineer of the Seraing Works, Belgium, and this paper, we may say, enjoys the unique distinction of being the first contribution of its kind to metallurgical literature. M. Kraft's computations concerning the consumption of steam in rolling steel rails are by no means as complete and as full as they might be, but he touches upon a subject which ought to receive thorough investigation at the hands of our engineers. It is claimed for some of the modern types of American rolling mill engines, that they are far superior to those used only a few years ago. These claims ought to be substantiated by a series of tests, showing the power actually developed, by taking indicator diagrams, and the amount of water evaporated in the boilers

with a specified quantity of fuel. There is another class of machinery to which engineers are more and more turning attention, with a view of securing increased efficiency and economy. It is not long since it was distinctly stated, at a meeting of mining engineers, that the field in blast furnace management in which substantial progress was still obtainable was in blowing engines. The limit of fuel economy in smelting iron in the furnace proper, according to all appearances, is being rapidly reached; but a considerable margin still remains in the construction and management of the machinery for supplying modern blast furnaces with the enormous volume of air they are now using.

The business stagnation, due to the political excitement of the time, is becoming more general, and is now almost absolute in the iron trade. Experienced men in the trade agree that there can be no stability in prices and no confidence until after election, and that iron will then be firm with an upward tendency, or two dollars a ton lower, according as the election shall go. There is unquestionably a general feeling of disquietude in business circles, undoubtedly growing out of the fear that the stability of protection hinges on the results of the election; and while the tariff issue was not made prominent in the canyars, it has gradually increased in popular interest, and may have great weight in determining the result. Meanwhile, very little iron is likely to change hands, but the reaction after the election is likely to compensate in some degree for present dullness, unless the excitement is prolonged by some difficulty growing out of the count, as was the case in 1876.

Since those who represent the shipowning interest of the United States do not want free ships, this would seem to be a good time to drop the discussion whether our navigation laws should or should not be repealed. That those who have any pecuniary interest in the shipping business do not, as a class, want free ships, has been decided by the National Convention of Shipowners at Boston. Not only was the free-ship resolution defeated overwhelmingly, after an exhaustive and dispassionate discussion, but it is an interesting fact that many who had previously advocated the repeal of our navigation laws put themselves squarely on record as opposed to any such change in our national policy. The shipbuilders, on the other hand, ask for no bounties nor bonuses; but both owners and builders agree that a small tonnage bounty to shipowners would give an impetus to our shipping interests, and both unite in demanding the repeal of the law which requires every steamship to carry the ocean mails for a nominal consideration, while railroads and river or coasting steamboats may refuse to carry the mails unless the compensation is satisfactory. They also agree in recommending the removal of many of the taxes and charges now imposed on American shipping, but very few who have any interest at stake want a change in the law which requires American ships to be built of American materials in American yards.

The wonderful increase in railroad earning, which has been a subject of so much comment both at home and abroad, shows no falling off such as was apprehended in September. Grain has been moved in small quantities, owing to the low price, but general freight has more than held its own. Many roads still report themselves as unable to meet the demands for cars made upon them by shippers, and they also find it well-nigh impossible to get cars from car makers.

Charters have been granted for the construction of the two marginal or belt railroads at Pittsburgh of which we made mention in these columns some weeks ago. These charters show that one—the Pittsburgh and Allegheny River Railroad—runs from the Point to Sharpburg Bridge, on the south bank of the Allegheny River. The Pittsburgh Local Railroad Company will start in the Ninth ward, somewhere in the neighborhood of the Shoenberger Mill; run along the south bank of the Allegheny River to the Point; up the Monongahela to Grant street or to the B. & O. depot; cross the Monongahela to the South Side and along the south bank of the Monongahela to the city limits. Any one acquainted with the topography of Pittsburgh and the location of its mills, will see at once the great advantage of these roads to the iron industry.

The Balloon in Warfare.—A practical experiment in ballooning has been applied by the English Military Balloon Committee. One of the service balloons, such as would be employed for the ascent of one or two persons, was inflated and sent up captive to a height of about 800 feet, and at a distance of about 2000 yards from a battery furnished with one of the new 8-inch howitzers. The gunners in charge of the howitzers were directed to find the range and fire at the balloon. The first shot was unsuccessful, but, by correcting the elevation by the experience which it afforded, the second 8-inch shell was aimed and fired so deftly that it burst just in front of the balloon. Being a shrapnel shell, which contained some 300 bullets, and weighing in all 180 lb., the fragments were cast forward by the burst in a spreading cone, and a number of them penetrated the envelope of the balloon, lacerating it to such an extent as to bring it down in quick time. The

success of the experiment is regarded as merely proving that it will be unsafe to ascend in a war balloon within 2000 yards of the enemy's lines, and not as detracting from the value of the balloon as a military agent.

Cincinnati Exhibition Notes.

(From our Resident Correspondent.)

CINCINNATI, Oct. 11, 1880. The Cincinnati Exposition closed last Saturday evening. During the past 15 days the attendance increased every day, and in the last week the halls and corridors of the vast building were literally crowded. The railroads entering the city have had during the month to bring every available coach and car into service, to accommodate the visitors and carry the immense freights of goods for exhibition. Nearly half the States in the Union, besides several railroads, were represented creditably. The earnings of the Cincinnati, Hamilton and Dayton Railroad in the month amounted to \$273,896.63, with much business yet to come in returning passengers and freight.

Many exhibitors of machinery sold their exhibits and took additional orders for more of the same kind.

A number of the leading firms of the city agreed to suspend their work on Saturday afternoon and to send their employees to the exposition, with 25 cents each to pay admission fees. The amount received from this source alone reached the very creditable sum of \$10,557. The additional stock of \$150,000 has nearly all been subscribed for the new art museum, and it has become a fact that Cincinnati is to have an art museum at a cost of \$300,000.

The following is an abstract of the list of awards of premiums at the eighth Cincinnati Exposition:

CLASS No. 1.

Stationary motors and appurtenances, including engines operated by steam, air, gas or other motive power, excepting water and electricity.

Automatic cut-off stationary steam engine, gold medal, E. P. Allis, Milwaukee.

Stationary engine and boiler combined, for light work, under 15-horse power, silver medal, Cummings & Gray.

Gas engine for general use, silver medal, Slusser & Shuman.

Balanced slide valve for steam engines, silver medal, Robinson, Balance Slide Valve Company.

Single-seated pocket valve, premium recommended, H. F. Friske.

CLASS No. 2.

Steam generators and appurtenances.

Steam pressure gauge, silver medal, Blake Steam Gauge, &c.

Heater and lime extractor combined, silver medal, E. L. Morse, St. Louis.

CLASS No. 3.

Portable farm engines, silver medal, Marshall Graves & Co., Dayton, Ohio.

CLASS No. 4.

Hydraulic machinery, including hand and steam pumps, hydraulic presses, water motors and machines for elevating and utilizing water for mechanical purposes.

Direct-acting steam pump, silver medal, M. Schultze.

Crank and fly-wheel pump, silver medal, John H. McGowan & Co.

Duplex steam pump, silver medal, Cope & Maxwell Manufacturing Company.

Double-acting light force pump for general purposes, silver medal, Laney & Baugher.

Fire hydrant, silver medal, Cummings & Gray.

Hydraulic gauge, silver medal, Blake Steam Gauge Company.

Hydraulic gate valve, silver medal, Cummings & Gray.

Tank valve, silver medal, John N. Poage.

Railroad water column, silver medal, John N. Poage.

Hydraulic elevator, silver medal, Warren Warner.

CLASS No. 5.

Best shearing and punching machine, silver medal, Long & Alstatter Company, Hamilton, Ohio.

Best power hammer, silver medal, Bradley & Co., Syracuse, N. Y.

CLASS No. 6.

Wood-working machinery, tools and appurtenances.

Band saw for lumber, gold medal, Cordesman, Egan & Co.

Hand saw for scroll work, silver medal, Bentel, Margedant & Co.

Reciprocating saw for scroll work, silver medal, Cordesman, Egan & Co.

Lathe for irregular forms, silver medal, Lane & Bodley.

Molding machine, straight, silver medal, Bentel, Margedant & Co.

Hub boxing machine, silver medal, Cordesman, Egan & Co.

Riding cross-cut sawing machine, silver medal, Farmers' Manufacturing Company.

Cross cut sawing machine, without riding attachment, silver medal, John Augspurger.

Box nailing machine, bronze medal, H. Messer.

Improved wood turning lathe, bronze medal, H. Weymuth.

CLASS No. 7.

Printing and paper machinery, tools and appurtenances.

Type-casting machine, silver medal, Cincinnati Type Foundry.

Wire-sticking machine, silver medal, Chas. Carr.

CLASS No. 9.

Pneumatic machinery, including pressure blowers, power fans, bellows, air pumps, &c.

Independent air pump and condenser, premium recommended, Edw. Reynolds.

CLASS No. 10.—LAUNDRY MACHINERY.

Bronze medal to Mrs. S. Short for the best portable hot mangle.

Bronze medal to G. S. Blaney for best clothes-drying apparatus.

Silver medal to Joseph Smith and Home Street Machine Company for best washing machine.

Silver medal to A. M. Worcester for best clothes-wringing machine.

Jurors—H. H. Davis, T. W. Zimmermann, H. Brackennann.

CLASS No. 13.

Fire engines, fire-extinguishing apparatus and appliances, including life saving apparatus.

Fire escape, silver medal, Wm. Winkles.

CLASS No. 15.

Best cider mill, silver medal, Keystone Mfg. Co., Sterling, Ill.

CLASS No. 16.

Grain and flour conveyor, bronze medal, H. W. Caldwell.

Malt dryer, silver medal, Renner, Renner & Knight.

Assortment of mill tools, bronze medal, Robert Lytle.

CLASS No. 17.

Best hand meat-chopping machine, bronze medal, W. N. Seiborn & Co., Cincinnati.

Best power meat-chopping machine, bronze medal, Zimmerman Mfg. Co., Cincinnati.

Best differential pulley block, silver medal, E. Harrington & Son, Philadelphia.

Best emery-wheel machinery, bronze medal, Union Stone Co., Boston.

From Class 79:

Friction clutch pulley, bronze medal, Taper Sleeve Pulley Works, Erie, Pa.

Cotton-gin saw sharpener, silver medal, R. S. Mudford, Texarkana, Ark.

Power sheet shearing machine, silver medal, United States Shearer Co., Boston, Mass.

Sand-blast file-sharpening apparatus, bronze medal, Sand Blast Sharpening Co., Wilmington, Del.

Portable ice machine, bronze medal, O. G. Leopold, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Automatic windmill, honorable mention, Mast, Foss & Co., Springfield, Ohio.

CLASS No. 21.

Crude minerals, metallic ores, &c.

No. 323.—Best display of iron ores from one State, silver medal, Pleumer & Bramwell, Cincinnati.

No. 321.—Mineralogical display, Gray & Bass, gold medal, Pleumer & Bramwell, agents, Cincinnati.

No. 323.—Display of iron ores, silver medal, Pennsylvania and Virginia Iron and Coal Company, Pleumer & Bramwell, agents.

CLASS No. 22.

Fig and bar metals, and sheet metals.

No. 344.—Machine-made horse shoes, Wrought Steel Horse-shoe Manufacturing Company, Cincinnati, silver medal.

No. 345.—Hand-made horse shoes, Wm. Russell & Sons, Cincinnati, silver medal.

No. 334.—Plate steel for boilers, Mitchell, Tranter & Co., gold medal.

No. 346.—Horse-shoe bar iron, one end worked, Mitchell, Tranter & Co., Cincinnati, silver medal.

No. 343.—Display of iron and steel wire, Globe Rolling Mill Company, silver medal.

Thomas G. Smith, D. T. Woodrow and John L. Pfau, jurors.

The jurors recommend honorable mention for William Russell, Entry 1128, Class 79, horse-shoe nail.

Horse shoe nails, bronze medal, William Russell.

CLASS No. 23.

Wire nails, silver medal, American Wire Nail Company.

CLASS 24.—METAL CASTINGS.

No. 372.—Assortment of common iron castings, silver medal, Sohn & Reichter, Hamilton, Ohio.

No. 376.—Ornamental wrought iron work, silver medal, Star Iron Works, Cincinnati.

No. 380.—Piano stool, bronze medal, Jas. L. Haven & Co.

CLASS No. 25.

Railway supplies, including track and appliances, car fittings, &c.

Display of railroad supplies, gold medal, Post & Co.

Passenger car lamp, silver medal, Post & Co.

Frog, silver medal, F. Weir.

Lifting jack, bronze medal, F. Dewees.

System block signals, gold medal, Union Electric Signal Company, Boston.

Switch signaling device, silver medal, Oscar Gassett.

Interlocking machine for railroad switches, silver medal, Harvey Tilden.

Jurors—Wm. Gaylor, W. S. Brewer, John S. Patterson.

CLASS No. 30.

Assortment of pruning shears, silver medal, Ohio Manufacturing Company.

CLASS No. 32.

Sheet metal roofing, silver medal, Horizontal Roofing Company.

Display of marble mantels, silver medal, W. F. Perkins.

CLASS No. 36.

Manufactured sheet-metal goods.

Copper work, bronze medal, John Van & Co.

Machine-made metal pans, bronze medal, Charles Jackson.

Sheet brasswork, bronze medal, Manhattan Brass Company.

Zinc ornamental work, silver medal, A. Henzen.

CLASS No. 58.

Miscellaneous housefurnishing goods, refrigerators, water coolers, &c.

Refrigerator and water cooler combined, silver medal, J. W. Wayne.

Refrigerator, silver medal, J. W. Wayne.

Display of housefurnishing goods, silver medal, L. P. Ficks.

Enameled ironware, silver medal, St. Louis Stamping Company.

Coffee-making apparatus, silver medal, J. Van & Co.

Improvement in cooking utensils, silver medal, A. M. Worcester.

CLASS No. 73.

Distilling apparatus, bronze medal, F. W. Leubing & Company.

Redistilling apparatus, bronze medal, F. W. Leubing & Company.

CLASS No. 74.

Gas machine, bronze medal, Coleman Gas Machine Company.

Gas governor, bronze medal, Inter-State Gas Saving Company.

The Prescott Manufacturing Company, of Boston, Mass., exhibited a new and very simple device for hanging doors without the use of either trucks, rods, track or hinges. It is called "the truss hanger." It hangs the door in such a way that it may be moved edgewise as if hung upon rolls, yet no rolls are used, either at the top or bottom of the door. Two kinds of the hangers are made. The truss hanger is adapted especially for barn, stable, depot and storehouse doors, and can be used upon all sliding doors except when the width much exceeds the height; in the latter case it can be used by making two doors, moving in opposite directions. It operates very easily and is not liable to get out of order. The other is called a "brace" hanger, and is used upon parlor and in public buildings, passenger coaches, or in any place where it is desirable to conceal the hinges entirely from view; and as the door is hung so as to rise a little as it moves back, it makes a tight joint upon the floor or carpet when closed, yet moves back without friction or wear. The brace hanger is made strong enough for any sized door and is especially adapted for box-car doors. The company have already introduced these hangers on several railroads and in many buildings, and the demand for them is said to be rapidly increasing.

One of the most interesting exhibits in Machinery Hall was that of Mr. E. L. Morse, of St. Louis—the Morse Feed-water Heater and Purifier. By its use the exhaust of steam engines is utilized in heating and purifying feed-water, thereby economizing greatly in fuel and protecting the boilers from incrustation. One of these heaters was used at the Exposition in connection with J. H. McGowan & Co.'s horizontal rival steam pump for supplying the boilers of the Exposition, both of which have received first premiums.

The St. Louis Stamping Company exhibited a very fine assortment of granite ironware at the Cincinnati Exposition this fall, combining some handsome new designs for dining-room service. Their display was handsomely arranged, and was very much admired by the crowds who stopped to examine it. Their entire catalogue of goods was represented in nests of various sizes.

The first premium in this class was awarded to the Giant Riding Saw Machine. Since the introduction of hand-sawing machines for cross-cutting logs, the first patent for which was issued December 6, 1870, very decided improvements have been made in their construction, and a reissue was granted in July, 1879. This reissue covers the actuating seat in combination with saw, lever and treadles. The first sawing machines of really practical value were introduced to the public a little over a year ago. The same is known as Bostwick's Giant Riding Saw Machine. Since the introduction of the riding-saw machine, several other machines for cross-cut sawing by one-man-power have been brought to notice, each possessing some degree of merit. The Giant Riding Saw Machine is an efficient and really useful labor-saving implement. It consists of an actuating seat and foot braces in combination with a saw lever, and is provided with a saw blade 5½ feet in length, having a stroke of 3½ feet. The saw is driven by motions of the body. The operator sits in a saddle, with his feet upon treadles and hands upon a lever, in an easy and natural position. The entire weight of the operator is brought to bear to aid the saw, giving it a double power, the principles of leverage employed affording the most perfect application of power. The saw cuts both ways. One man can operate it with great ease. The machine is made of the best seasoned ash, strongly put together with wrought-iron bolts and braces, and is very light. One man can take it on his shoulder and an ax in his hand and carry it to the timber with ease. One very decided advantage this saw has is that the work is straight before the operator, there being no side draft. With it logs can be sawed on a hillside, and the machine is so simple that any one of ordinary intelligence can operate it. This machine is manufactured by the Farmers' Manufacturing Company, at No. 178 Elm street, Cincinnati, and was awarded the first premium (a silver medal) by the Cincinnati Exposition this year. The company is quite busy at this time in supplying many orders, a number of which are from Europe.

A New Monster Ironclad.

The monster ironclad Italia, of 14,000 tons, has been successfully launched at Castellamare, Italy, in the presence of King Humbert and an immense crowd of people. The Italia is the most powerful ironclad ever constructed. She was begun three years ago, and will not be completed for a year or more to come. She will be the largest and most powerful vessel of war afloat, and will soon be joined by her sister ship, the Lepanto, which is being built at Leghorn. Her principal dimensions are as follows: Length between perpendiculars, 400 feet 6 inches; breadth of beam at water line, 72 feet 9 inches; breadth of beam at upper deck, 65 feet 6 inches; draft of water forward, 25 feet 6 inches; draft of water aft, 20 feet 6 inches; displacement at load draft, 13,480 tons; length of armored tower, 96 feet; breadth of armored tower, 52 feet 9 inches; thickness of iron armor on tower, 21 inches; number of engines, 4 sets; number of cylinders, 12; number of propellers, 2; diameter of propellers, 19 feet 6 inches; number of boilers, 26; number of furnaces, 78; length of ship, fore and aft, occupied by engines, coal and boilers, 250 feet; weight of hull, 5000 tons; weight of armor, 2898 tons; weight of teak backing, 114 tons.

In the construction of the Italia the hold step has been taken of dispensing entirely with side armor; and the great guns, of which there are four Armstrong breech-loaders of 100 tons weight, are to be mounted on the upper deck in pairs en barbette, in a peculiarly placed armored casemate, so arranged as to permit a fire of the guns, either on a line with the keel, fore and aft, or in pairs on either beam, or toward any point of the compass.

The hull is of steel, the lines fore and aft being very fine, and is to be sheathed with wood. It is constructed with the usual double bottom, 3 feet 3 inches between the

skins amidship and divided into numerous separate cells. Great strength is given to the structure by the bulkheads and decks. Two longitudinal water-tight bulkheads extend for the length of 254 feet 6 inches in the ship. These, together with the transverse bulkheads, divide the hull into 53 compartments, which are again subdivided horizontally by four water-tight decks. The first of these is the armored deck, 5 feet 6 inches below the water line at the sides of the ship and protected by 3 inches of iron or steel. This deck extends from stem to stern, and is incurved at both extremities, meeting at the bow, the extreme point of the ram, and thus adding material strength where most needed in the event of ramming an enemy. Immediately above this armored or lowest deck is another 6 feet above the water line, constructed of thin iron or steel and covered with wood. The side compartments between this and the lower deck just named, which are divided into water-tight cells, are to be filled with cork, as in the Inflexible. On the third or battery deck, 14 feet above the water line, are to be carried 12 guns, the calibre of which will be moderate when compared with the great guns in the armored citadel, and the lighter metal of which will admit of rapid, continuous and concentrated fire.

Armor is only used to keep out shot and shell from the engines and boilers, the magazines, shell-room spaces, and the channels leading therefrom to the upper deck; and to protect the guns in the casemate when not elevated above the battery, and the gunners employed in firing them. But all other parts of the ship above the armored deck, all the guns not in the casemate, and all persons out of the casemate and not below the armored deck will be exposed to the enemy's projectiles. Her engines will consist of two sets, of the three-cylinder vertical, inverted type, to each of the two screw propeller shafts, making twelve cylinders in all; and the steam will be supplied by 26 boilers; with three furnaces each. The cost of each of these ships, completed, exclusive of armament, is estimated at \$3,834,540.

Professor Benjamin Peirce, of Harvard University, died on the 6th inst. He was the son of Benjamin Peirce, the librarian of Harvard University from 1826 to 1831, the year of his death. Benjamin Peirce, Sr., was the first scholar in the class of 1801, and for some years was a merchant at Salem, Mass. After his appointment as librarian he wrote a partial history of the University, bringing it down to the time of the Revolution. This work was published in 1833. Benjamin Peirce, Jr., was born at Salem, April 4, 1809, and was prepared for college under the instruction of Nathaniel Bowditch and at Andover. He entered Harvard in 1825, and immediately distinguished himself by his devotion to mathematics. He was graduated in 1829, and at once took a position as a teacher of mathematics in Round Hill School, at Northampton, Mass., then under the charge of Joseph G. Cogswell and George Bancroft. In 1831 Professor Peirce returned to Cambridge to fill the position of tutor in mathematics in the University. In 1833 he was made University Professor of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy, and in 1842 he became Perkins Professor of Astronomy and Mathematics. He held the latter position until 1867, aiding, in the meantime, in the construction of the observatory. In 1867 Professor Peirce was made Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey, and held the position for seven years. Since 1849 he had been a consulting astronomer to the American Ephemeris and Nautical Almanac, and for many years he directed the theoretical part of the work. In 1855 Professor Peirce was one of the men intrusted with the organization of the Dudley Observatory. For many years before and after he took charge of the Coast Survey he was consulted frequently in the work of the office.

A motion for a preliminary injunction was made before Judge Butler, recently, in the United States Circuit Court, Philadelphia, on behalf of the Chalmers Spence Patent Non-conducting Company, to restrain I. Newton Pierce and others from infringing the patent of complainant. The Chalmers Spence Company obtained a patent in 1874 for a covering for steam boilers and pipes, consisting of a wire frame surrounded by felt, an air chamber being left between the covering and the boiler or pipe. The defendant has a patent for a covering which he claims to be an improvement on the invention of the complainant, in which, instead of a wire covering and support for felt, Mr. Pierce uses a metal jacket having holes pierced in it. While the matter was under hearing it was stated that Judge McKennan had decided a case in which the question of infringement of the Chalmers Spence patent was involved, but not the validity of the patent itself, and at the suggestion of Judge Butler the hearing was suspended for the present, and the case was directed to be put on the list for the coming term of the Circuit Court, beginning on Monday next.

Judge Thayer, in the Philadelphia Common Pleas Court, recently rendered an opinion in the suit of the People's Bank against Edward J. Etting. The bank had advanced \$18,500 on 1000 tons of pig iron, which was on storage upon Etting's wharf, at Callowhill street. The iron was the property of Henry G. Morris, and the money was borrowed from the bank by Morris' agent, Ervin, he at the same time giving to the bank certain receipts signed by Mr. Gayley, who was an employee of Mr. Etting. There have been two suits arising out of the transaction, both of them being adverse to the bank, which lost possession of the iron, and consequently lost their money. The case came before the court on a demurrer to the declaration of the plaintiff. The court stated that the plaintiff might amend, otherwise judgment would be entered for the defendants.

During the first seven months of the present year, 1,374,925 tons of iron ore were shipped from Bilbao to foreign countries.

Brass, heavy.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Brass, light.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Composition, heavy.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Lead, heavy.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Lead, light.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Zinc.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Pewter, No. 1.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Pewter, No. 2.....	10 1/2	10 1/2
Wrought Iron.....	20 00	21 00
Light do.....	10 00	12 00
Stove Plate.....	11 00	12 00
Machinery do.....	11 00	12 00
Grate Bars.....	6 00	7 00

The prices current for Rags, &c., are as follows:

Canvas, Linen.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
White Cotton, New.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
White, No. 1.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
White, No. 2.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Seconds.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Soft Woollens.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Mixed Rags.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Gunny Bagging.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Jute Butts.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Book Stock.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Newspapers.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Waste Paper and Scraps.....	1 1/2	1 1/2
Kentucky Bale Rope.....	4 00	4 00

EXPORTS

Of Hardware, Iron, Machinery, Metals, &c., from the Port of New York, for the Week ending Oct. 12, 1880:

Quant.	Val.
Mf. iron, pkgs. \$7	55
Clocks, bxs. 2	53
Glassware, cs. 21	21
Hdw., cs. 13	59

Quant.	Val.
Lamps, pkgs. 6	110
Nails, bxs. 20	258
Hdw., cs. 20	313
Fidware, cs. 3	58

Quant.	Val.
Hdw., cs. 126	5,760
Machinery, cs. 12	4,274
Belting, bales 7	7
Mf. iron, pkgs. 17	1,800
Sew. ma., cs. 110	1,660
Lub. oil, bbls. 150	2,339
Metal gds, cs. 1	1,129
Ag. imp., pkgs. 16	955
Clocks, bxs. 23	958

Quant.	Val.
Ag. imp., pkgs. 16	955
Clocks, bxs. 23	958
Ore, bbls. 31	468
Belting, bales 4	4
Wheels, pkgs. 40	230
Mf. iron, pkgs. 13	332

Quant.	Val.
Palm, gals. 186,323	21,424
Clocks, bxs. 83	83

Quant.	Val.
Palm, gals. 145,066	14,490

Quant.	Val.
Mf. iron, pkgs. 8	223
Hdw., cs. 24	200
Silverware, cs. 30	30
Wheels, bxs. 135	135
Rifles, cs. 1	1
Lub. oil, bbls. 150	2,339
Sew. ma., cs. 201	2,400
Brass goods, cs. 1	60
Glassware, cs. 2	2
Palm, gals. 173,225	20,000
Carriages, gals. 5	60
Coe mls, pgs. 2	2
Copper, cs. 21	2,160

Quant.	Val.
Palm, gals. 257,685	25,768

Quant.	Val.
Palm, gals. 317,352	31,735

Quant.	Val.
Palm, gals. 265,373	26,537

Quant.	Val.
tim, gals. 984,036	112,000

Quant.	Val.
Clocks, bxs. 80	243
Spokes, cs. 39	145
Mach'y, cs. 6	900

Quant.	Val.
Glassware, cs. 23	425
Hdw., cs. 45	1,091
Ag. imp., pkgs. 10	1,112
Mach'y, cs. 1	30
Clocks, bxs. 40	73
W. mls, pgs. 15	600
Pidware, cs. 1	54
Crucibles, cs. 1	38

Quant.	Val.
Palm, gals. 154,889	15,567

Quant.	Val.
Coal, tons. 1,708	7,240
Nails, kegs. 16	150
Glassware, cs. 13	125
Mf. iron, pkgs. 13	180
Palm, gals. 16,886	2,882
Lamp gds, pgs. 6	130
Hdw., cs. 19	374

Quant.	Val.
Mf. iron, pkgs. 3	57
Hdw., cs. 21	405
Glassware, cs. 6	110
Mach'y, cs. 1	10
Ag. imp., pkgs. 18	257
Shingles, cs. 50,000	85
Nails, kegs. 69	213
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Cutlery, cs. 2	78
Nails, bxs. 2	31
Truck, cs. 1	1,250
Palm, gals. 13,904	1,390
Grindstones, 734	401
Hdw., pkgs. 345	4,855
Clocks, bxs. 10	247
Wagon, cs. 1	36
Mach oil, gals. 1360	792
Tacks, cs. 7	116
Wire, pkgs. 59	59
Tanks, cs. 2	190
Nails, hds. 20	350
Carriage, cs. 1	427

Palm, gals. 299,045	20,843
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Palm, gals. 9497	1,266
Sew. ma., cs. 1	15
Mf. iron, pkgs. 21	21

Hdw., pkgs. 95	2,680
Ag. imp., pkgs. 95	4,922
Shoe nails, cs. 20	170
Glassware, pkgs. 9	85
Cutlery, cs. 1	115
Tin, case, 1	200
Saddlery, cs. 1	200
Clocks, cs. 53	1,197
Lamp gds, pgs. 83	1,745
Iron safe, 1	150
Pig iron, tons. 1	30
Belting, case, 1	35
Sandpaper, cs. 1	35
Fuse, bbls. 1	35
Tinware, cs. 7	200
Mf. iron, pkgs. 12	54

Palm, gals. 234,583	19,700
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Palm, gals. 219,800	19,807
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Palm, gals. 112,000	15,180
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Cartridges, cs. 4	25
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Mf. iron, pkgs. 1	27
Ag. imp., pgs. 4	27
Saddlery, cs. 1	45
Shingles, bbls. 80	75
Glassware, cs. 27	153
Sew. ma., cs. 9	172
Machinery, cs. 70	70
Hdw., pkgs. 29	336
Blocks, pkgs. 1	60
Nails, kegs. 53	222
Arms, cs. 2	76
Lamp gds, pgs. 12	138
Hdw., cs. 12	138

Palm, gals. 13,000	1,950
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Glassware, cs. 12	377
Iron, bbls. 80	155
Lamp oil, gals. 80	40
Nails, kegs. 44	156
Car. cs. 1	125
Sew. ma., cs. 5	164
Palm, gals. 3390	519
Hdw., cs. 22	416
Pine mtl, cs. 2	60
Mach'y, cs. 11	80
Rt. mtl, pkgs. 60	393

Palm, gals. 7800	1,774
Sew. ma., cs. 1	84
Nails, bxs. 31	204
Hdw., cs. 16	400
Mf. iron, pkgs. 10	246

Cutlery, cs. 1	81
Am'nition, cs. 1	55
Palm, gals. 60	11
Hdw., cs. 2	101
Mf. iron, pkgs. 1	31

Iron, pkgs. 1	56
Palm, gals. 250	40
Powder, pkgs. 124	63
Mf. cop, cs. 1	40
Hdw., cs. 31	476
Nails, kegs. 9	39
Firearms, cs. 2	120
Silverware, cs. 2	167
Tinware, cs. 3	33
Lamp gds, pgs. 4	28
Anchor, cs. 6	23
Mdse, cs. 4	88
Saddlery, cs. 1	21
Shot, bags, 40	65
Fidware, cs. 1	136

Nails, kegs. 30	135
Sew. ma., cs. 46	995
Pumps, pkgs. 4	110
Belting, bales 2	60
Pig iron, tons 5	210
Carriages, 2	900
Palm, gals. 4437	596
Grindstones, cs. 16	850
Mach'y, pkgs. 68	2,888
Coal, tons. 50	190
Grindstones, cs. 16	850
R.R. mtl, pgs. 116	850

Lub oil, bbls. 97	4,087
Hdw., cs. 218	5,026
Clocks, bxs. 108	2,585
Mach'y, pkgs. 75	2,983

which 35,000 for the latter country. Total export from January 1 to August 1:

	Quintals.	Quintals.	Quintals.
To Europe.....	1879	1880	1879
To the U. States..	373,232	2,038,953	3,063,450
Total.....	1,866,854	2,169,877	3,491,655

Coal.—Some unsold cargoes of steam coal have been ordered to San Francisco; one cargo brought \$10.50. Exchange—has dropped to 25 1/2 d. @ 25 1/2 d. 90 days sight on London per dollar.

A Primitive Mint.

A correspondent of the *Times* thus describes the process through which English rupees at present pass to bring them out from the Cabul Mint in the shape of Cabules rupees:

In one of the rude sheds which I have described as running round the courtyard are two rows of small, round clay hearths elevated an inch or two above the floor, and depressed like a plate in the middle. A pile of rupees—generally 300—having been counted and weighed is placed upon one of these hearths in a carefully prepared bed of bone ashes and covered over with charcoal and wood. The charcoal is then lighted, and when well aglow, 4 lbs. of lead for every 300 rupees is added to the furnace. The lead, in combination with the bone ashes, separates, as is well known, the alloy. This first process converts the rupees into a dull, unsightly mass of silver, free, or nearly so, from alloy. The pure silver thus extracted is then carried to another shed, carefully weighed, and an amount of English rupees equal to its weight added to it. Rupees and silver are then melted together in a clay crucible, and the melted mixture is ladled by hand into molds, which give it the shape of flattened bars about 12 inches long. These bars are then taken to a third shed to be annealed by hammering and given the form of slender round rods. The next process is that of drawing these rods through a plate of iron perforated with round holes to give them a uniform circumference. This is done by means of a rude hand-wheel, after which the rods are cut by hammer and chisel into the length requisite to form the future rupee, each of which length is carefully weighed in a pair of scales. Any that are too heavy are handed to a workman whose business it is to slice off a fragment with his chisel; any that, on the contrary, are too light, are handed to another workman, who notches the little cylinder by a blow on his chisel, and inserts the required fragment into the notch. The cylinders are next carried to a fifth shed, and, after gently heating are hammered into small round disks, which have a yellowish white color. To remove this color and give them brightness they are next plunged into a cauldron of boiling water, in which they are boiled for some time along with apricot fruit and salt. This process imparts brightness to the dull disks of silver, and they are then ready for the last process they have to go through, that of stamping. This is, perhaps, the most interesting part of the operation. Two operators sit facing one another, half naked, on the ground, with a little iron anvil between them. Into the face of the anvil is inserted a steel stamp, destined to give the impression which the under side of the rupee will bear. One operator places the little silver disks with great quickness and accuracy upon the stamp; and the other, who is armed with a heavy hammer in his right hand, and a steel stamp bearing the inscription destined for the upper side of the rupee in his left, with one heavy, well-delivered blow, impresses the device on the soft lump of silver. Lastly, each rupee thus stamped is again weighed, and deficiencies in weight made up by the same rude process as noted at another stage of the work, the amended rupee passing once more under the hands of the stampers. The legend on the rupees coined by Ameer Shere Ali and his predecessors reads thus: "On one side, 'Ameer Shere Ali,' or as the case may be; on the other, 'Dar-ul-Sultanat-i-Kabul' (House of the Kingdom of Cabul). On the money which is now being coined under the temporary British rule, the first of these inscriptions is altered to 'Sahib-i-Zaman' (Master for the time), to indicate the provisional character of the government. Such is the simple process by which money is now being coined in Cabul. It certainly makes one stare by its very simplicity, and the absence of all secrecy, fuss, or show; yet it is perfectly effective, and the money turned out, though rough and unfinished, is excellent in quality, if inartistic in shape and appearance. It needs hardly to be said that the rupees coined as I have described contain only half the quantity of alloy which the English rupee does. I shall only add that the establishment, as now constituted, can turn out 5,000 rupees per day, and is capable of any extension.

Machine vs. Hand-Cut Files in England.

The strength of English prejudice against machine cut files is shown by a protracted discussion in the *Sheffield* newspapers as to whether machine or hand-cut files are better. A great many foolish communications, challenges, &c., have appeared, with occasionally a sensible letter among them. Mr. W. S. Wheatley, manager of the file department of the *Carlisle Works*, in a communication to the *Sheffield Independent*, says:

Having issued a challenge through your paper, after carefully considering the advantages and disadvantages of machine-cut files, and having had considerable experience in hand labor (having been a cutter 13 years, a forger by machine and hand eight years, have hardened by lead process two years, in the hearth two years), I did not enter into this affair without some practical knowledge. I had my challenge accepted, and I at once proceeded to take steps for a test according to my ideas. I took several files, flat 14 and 16 inches, some cut on one side, some bare, but all had one side cut by machine, and all one side by hand, consequently we had three first sides by machine, and three sides by hand-cut. I

then hardened them carefully. This was the mode of test, on a piece of 3/4 square cast steel, of the quality of which we make our files: We timed every 100 strokes for 600 strokes upon each side, then gauged the steel every 100 strokes, and at the end of the 600 of each side, the result was in favor of 1/4 of an inch to the machine-cut file side, although the hand-cut side was not so far worn as the machine-cut side. I entered into the acceptance of the challenge with the understanding not to make the firm's name known, but whatever information I derived from the test, to use as I thought proper. And, in duty bound, in honor I give the above result. Unhesitatingly I affirm that it is no longer a question in many practical minds that hand-cut and machine-cut files are close on a par, and with careful management by experienced hands greater results will yet be attained. But I must state, as prices of hand-cut labor are at present, and with men determined on producing a good article, and with good material for both kinds of labor to be bestowed upon the files, the question, I maintain—until I am convinced of further progress being made—is still in favor, economically, with the men.

INDUSTRIAL ITEMS.

VERMONT.

The Howe Scale Company, of Rutland, are now running five nights each week.

The Fairbanks Company contemplate enlarging their scale works at St. Johnsbury one-third.

MASSACHUSETTS.

The American Shade Roller Company, of Watertown, turned out last year over 1,000,000 shade rollers and carpet sweepers at the rate of over 150 dozen a month. Their new factory is 200 by 50 feet and four stories high.

CONNECTICUT.

Leonard Bailey & Co., Hartford, manufacturers of the original Bailey planes, are doing a driving business to keep up with their orders.

The Hartford Machine Screw Company are building a new factory, with a capacity of running 600 automatic screw machines, for the manufacture of all grades of machine screws, from the size used in watches to the size used in the heaviest work. The structure will cover a space of 300 by 200 feet, will be built of brick and stone, and is made as nearly fire-proof as is possible. The machinery will be driven by a pair of Brown's engines of 125-horse-power each. It is expected that they will be running about the 1st of December.

P. Jewell's Sons, Hartford, are running at full capacity, and are having a larger trade and are employing more hands than ever before. Besides making leather belting, they also manufacture the leather for belting purposes. They have just filled quite a number of orders for foreign countries and have several now on hand.

The Pratt & Whitney Company are running nights and are six weeks behind on orders. Just now they are working on orders for some specialties to be delivered next March.

The Billings & Spencer Company, Hartford, are overrunning with orders. Their trade on drop forgings has started up this fall exceedingly active; in fact, they are driven beyond their capacity. They have made three additions to their buildings within three months, the last one being 75 by 35 feet. This company has declared a quarterly dividend of 2 per cent., payable October 1.

The Vulcan Iron Works, New Britain, are erecting a new foundry, 100 by 50 feet, one story high. Their special line is malleable-iron castings, which has increased so largely that it now becomes necessary for them to extend their works.

The Taylor Mfg. Co., New Britain, manufacture a staple line of goods, such as combination locks, hardware specialties, all kinds of rivets, toy pistols, &c. They make a specialty of models for patent articles. Their trade is distributed all over the country and is steadily increasing.

The Stiles & Parker Press Company, of Middletown, are running at full capacity, and plenty of orders ahead. The establishment is one of the largest and best equipped of its kind in the country. They have just filled an order for a drop hammer for Costa Rica. Some of the heaviest punching presses in the country are made at this establishment. One shipped last spring to Harrington & Oglesby, of Chicago, for perforating sheet metal, weighed 8 tons, exclusive of iron feeding table, 26 feet long. To meet the increasing demand for their articles they have just built an addition to their machine shop, 60 feet long, of brick, and have added a 60-horse-power engine to their works, without shutting down or any delay. The heat was taken off in the foundry with the old engine, on a Saturday night after business hours, and the new one started up Monday morning on time, and no work was done on Sunday. At present 60 hands are employed.

The Meriden Silver Plate Company are making great improvements in their buildings. They have a new structure about completed, which measures 60 x 90 feet. All the other large establishments in Meriden are doing a profitable business and are running full time. The Britannia Company, Bradley & Hubbard, and Manning, Bowman & Co. are doing a driving business.

The Fairst Steel Company, New Britain, are doing a large business in the manufacture of steel rollers for the Pope bicycle, which are shipped to the Weed Sewing Machine Company at Hartford, whose works are largely devoted to the manufacture of the above bicycle.

NEW YORK.

Together with its approaches, the new Harlem Bridge will begin where Madison Avenue now ends and reach to One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street, Morrisania. It will consist of two fixed spans at each end, each of 73 feet, and a draw span of two openings, each to be 150 feet long. This will make the entire bridge about 600 feet in length. There will be five stone piers and two abutments. The center pier is now completed. It is 47 feet in diameter at the

base and 36 feet at the top. The second pier on the east side of the river is well under way. The side piers will be 16 1/2 feet wide at the base, 5 feet wide at the top, and 40 feet high. The estimated cost of the piers is \$70,000. The superstructure of the bridge will be a plain truss of iron. Its design has not yet been fully determined upon. The high above high water of the middle span will be 28 feet, while that of the fixed spans will be 25 feet. The cost of the superstructure and approaches will be about \$130,000. The roadway of the bridge will be 22 feet wide in the clear, and there will be sidewalks on each side 5 feet wide. In Morrisania, Madison Avenue will be graded to the slope of the bridge from One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street. One Hundred and Thirty-eighth street and River Avenue will pass under the approach. The masonry will be completed by January 1, and it is expected that the approaches and superstructure will be finished by July 1 of next year. The foundations of each pier are made by driving piles into the bed of the river and cutting them off at a level of 28 feet below high water mark. Upon these is built masonry of cut granite about 40 feet high. The piers are built in wooden caissons, and on these are floated over the piles and sunk with great accuracy. The piles are driven by a hammer weighing 3000 pounds, which falls 8 feet and moves the piles not to exceed one-twentieth of a foot at the last 10 blows. The piles are so driven into the river bed that they will sustain 20 tons each. The river bed here is of sand and gravel. Mr. McAlpine is the engineer of construction, and the contractor is John Beattie. The amount already paid out upon the work is \$40,000.

In the United States Circuit Court, New York City, before Judge Blatchford, October 4, 1880, in the suit of the Pope Manufacturing Company, of Boston, against McKee & Harrington, of New York City, for infringement of the patents belonging to said company, relating to bicycles and velocipedes, the court, after a full hearing, has ordered an injunction to issue against McKee & Harrington for their infringement of said patents, restraining them from manufacturing or selling bicycles.

The city of Auburn has two machine shops, and these, with its other industries, are now in prosperous condition.

The Wrought Bit and Iron Company (controlled by the Glapp Manufacturing Company) expected to have their new rolling mill ready for operation October 1, but December 1 now would seem a more probable date. It will use scrap exclusively. Just north of the rolling mill they have begun to erect two large buildings, in which they will manufacture farm wagons. W. W. Crane has lately been successfully making some heavy castings—namely a large pair of shears for the new rolling mill. He is also turning out large numbers of the Jones water wheel, besides the usual run of jobbing and repairing.

Improvements have been in progress at the Albany iron works department of the Albany and Rensselaer Iron and Steel Company, and when they are done the department will be one of the most complete of its kind in the country. A new merchant train has been erected, which will enable the company to make anything that may be called for in the merchant bar line. New shears, saws, straightening beds, &c., have been added, and all the arrangements have been completed for doing fine work. A new Belgian train, built by A. Garrison & Co., of Pittsburgh, Pa., will be placed in the mill. This will be used for wire, rod, or merchant iron. To this train will be added a complete set of shears, wire reels, straightening beds, &c. Railroad tracks, platforms and everything that can expedite work have been or are in the course of construction. Many new tools have also been procured for the machine shop. Numerous improvements have also been made in the Star Forge, a new train, among other things, having been added. The water mill has received numerous improvements.

PENNSYLVANIA.

The work upon the elevated railroad on Filbert street, Philadelphia, is being rapidly pushed forward and will probably be in operation in about four months. The bridge across the Schuylkill is completed, and trains loaded with stone ballast will soon be passing down the street. At the corner of Fifteenth and Market streets the foundations for the new depot are being laid; while the whole iron superstructure of the northern half the square is now in position. When this work is advanced to such a degree that cars can be run underneath, the portion of the depot now in use will be taken down. From Sixteenth street to a point west of Twentieth the masonry work is now complete.

H. H. Coles & Co., No. 446 North Twelfth street, has the sole control of a good and reliable self-mousing hook for top-sail sheets, blocks and hoists, a great improvement over the old method. It cannot slip, its hook is simple, cheap and durable. Their universal lathe dogs and adjustable tap wrenches are ingenious labor-saving devices. A large force is engaged on orders for home and foreign markets. The Universal Lathe is adapted to all sizes, from 1/2 to 4 1/2 inches, without changing the dog.

A product of 20 freight cars a day at the Altoona shops seems to be insufficient to meet the demand. The company has built lately 23 new passenger locomotives, 65 freight locomotives, 99 passenger cars and 2000 freight cars.

The Mount Hickory Mill at Erie is running double turn in all departments, and has increased the number of puddling furnaces in operation from 10 to 13. Prospects good.

Mr. William Lauder, superintendent of the Kemble Coal and Iron Company's furnaces at Riddlesburg, Bedford County, writes us under date of the 1st inst. as follows: "We intend to start our other furnaces to-morrow. It is almost seven years since we have had the two furnaces in operation at the same time, but during the panic we have always had one in, and have not lost a day."—*Bulletin of American Iron and Steel Association.*

After an idleness of some time, Reis, Brown & Berger's mill, at New Castle, started up single turn last week.

Orders are booked for months ahead at Bradley, Reis & Co.'s, New Castle, and all departments are on double turn.

The executors of the estate of the late Col. William Shirr sold the one-fourth interest in the pipe mill in Lebanon, which for many years has remained idle, to Col. D. S. Hammond, who held a one-fourth interest, thus giving him a full one-half. The interest of the late Amos R. Boughter was purchased by Artemus Wilhelm, so that the property is now held by Messrs. Wilhelm and Hammond. It originally cost \$100,000. Henry Potts, Jr., of the Potts Brothers Iron Co., limited, has been appointed assignee of the Chester Tube Works, at Chester, Del.

The Lancaster *New Era* says: "The fires have been lighted under Shawnee Furnace No. 2, and to-day we can report every iron industry in Columbia smoking. The blast will not be turned on No. 2 until next Monday, as the manager wishes to have the furnace as hot as possible before commencing work in earnest. In a few days the Chestnut Hill Iron Ore Company will have their three Shawnee Furnaces in operation. The Coleman Furnaces at North Lebanon are being got in readiness to be blown in at an early day. The masons and boiler makers have finished their work and the engine has been tested, giving fair satisfaction."

The Moselem Furnace was blown in on the 6th, owing to its not working satisfactorily, and also the condition of the iron market giving little encouragement to remain in. The furnace has only been in blast eight months and a half and is probably in fair condition, and will be repaired to go in blast as soon as practicable.

PITTSBURGH AND VICINITY.

A new glass company has been organized at Rochester, to be known as the Rochester Flint Vial and Bottle Works, Limited, with a capital stock of \$20,000, 40 per cent. of which has already been paid in. The works will have a river frontage of 150 feet, and the shipping facilities, both by rail and water, are unsurpassed. One-half the stock is owned by Capt. D. A. and C. I. McDonald, of Woodlawn, and the other half of the shares are well divided among the leading business men of Rochester and vicinity. Prescription vials and bottles will be manufactured exclusively, in which a large force of workmen will be employed. The officers of the company are as follows: President, David A. McDonald; secretary and treasurer, C. I. McDonald; managers, M. Camp, William Miller and H. J. Speyerer; general superintendent, William Anderson.

The Lloyd Mill was started up last week, after being idle for five weeks for repairs. The bar mill is to run double turn.

The coke works at Youngstown have completed 240 ovens.

Singer, Nimick & Co. expect to have the new addition to their already extensive establishment in operation by December next.

The Cambria Iron Company fired their four hundredth coke oven near Connellsville last week. This makes a grand total of 500 ovens under the control of the Cambria Iron Company in the coke region.

The heaviest casting ever made in Allegheny County was successfully run on the morning of the 5th inst. at the Black Diamond Steel Works, Pittsburgh. The casting was the anvil block for the 17-ton steam hammer now being constructed at these works, and weighed a fraction over 160 tons. The time occupied in casting was 5 1/2 hours. It will be six weeks before the casting will be cool enough to uncover. The work of molding and curbing this monster was under the direction of Mr. Charles W. Lang, a young man less than 23 years of age, who seemed to be the only founder of Pittsburgh with nerve to undertake it.

The Pittsburgh Forge and Iron Company are building four new puddling furnaces, they being short of iron for their finishing mill.

OHIO.

Ford & Co., Tippecanoe City, Miami County, manufacturers of the Guard Wire Band Hub, have extended their buildings and added new machinery. They are now filling an order for fine wheels to go to Wardsdorf, Germany. They employ 75 to 100 hands.

Newark citizens talk of a \$20,000 company to manufacture a boiler patented by A. H. Fowler, of that city.

The North American Cutlery Company, Painesville, are employing experienced men from Sheffield, England, and Connecticut in their scissors department, and are turning out from 20 to 30 dozen per day, the capacity of their works being 60 dozen per day. The building is a two-story brick, covering an area of 30 x 112 feet, with an addition of 30 x 40 feet. The officers of the company are: H. E. Fenton, president; H. Cole, vice-president; S. R. King, secretary, and S. R. Gray, treasurer. They report a steadily increasing trade.

All of the Bellaire glass works are in operation, except the window-glass works. A. Magoon, general manager of Logan Furnace, is superintending the building of a large double-stack furnace by Boston capitalists, at Floodwood Station, Athens County.

The Wellsville Plate and Sheet Iron Company, after a varied and unsuccessful experience under its past management, seem to be prospering in the hands of the new company. They are now adding to their facilities by building two new boiling furnaces.

The Nail City Glass Works, at Bridgeport, started up on the 5th inst.

MISSOURI.

From the *Age of Steel* we condense the following regarding St. Louis and Missouri industries: The Cleveland Co-operative Stove Company have gotten to work at their new establishment in this city, several heats of metal having been successfully and satisfactorily run during the current week. It is contemplated to make the capacity of these works such as to supply all of the demands made upon the company from this section of country, and not draw upon the parent works at Cleveland. The Missouri Foundry and Car Works are very busy; the

foundry in manufacturing car wheels and the necessary castings to accompany them, and the car works in making freight cars, for which they have demands exceeding their capacity to fill. The hum of busy industry pervades every department of the Harrison Wire Works establishment. Timmerman's machine shops are full of heavy work; they are among the busiest places in St. Louis. Conrad Siebel's brass and copper works are being run full time on brewers' and bottlers' special work. Helmbacher's forge and rolling mills are full of work, manufacturing merchant iron, car axles, &c. Curtis's stove works are pressed to supply the demand made upon them for their excellent quality of stoves. Geo. J. Fritz's machine shop is full of miscellaneous work. The Medart Pulley Company are full of work filling orders. McDonald's forge and rolling mills are running as usual on car axles. The Tudor Mills are manufacturing railroad spikes in unusual quantities. J. G. Stockstede & Bro., bell founders, are as full of work as ever. Bells are in demand. The Great Western Glass Works are running full time on druggists' and similar lines of ware. The French Window Glass Works are running full time. Hager's hinge factory is running full time on specialties. The St. Louis Wire Mill Company are now nicely ensconced in their new establishment, and are turning out large quantities of wire. Everything is working to a charm about the place.

KENTUCKY.

Ashland Furnace is making an average of 50 tons of good No. 1 iron per day, using only raw coal for fuel.

The Norton Iron Works, Ashland, are running full time, turning out their average quantity of iron and nails. The factory is making near 5000 kegs of nails per week and shipping them as fast as made. The furnace is working well, making over 50 tons of good No. 1 iron per 24 hours.

ILLINOIS.

Work on the new Pullman Car Works, at Pullman, near Chicago, is being pushed with great activity and the place already looks like a large manufacturing town, where one year ago not a building was to be seen. The exterior of the Allen Paper Car Wheel Works is finished and work on the inside progressing rapidly.

The Union Iron and Steel Company, Chicago, consumed 47,000 tons of ore last year. The amount will be much greater this year if the new furnaces are started. Their output of pig metal was 32,000 tons; of steel rails from 250 to 300 tons per day. They employed on an average 1000 hands and used 50,000 tons of coal and coke.—*Industrial World.*

The operations of the Northwestern Car Shops, Chicago, are more extensive at present than at any previous time in their history. There are 540 men constantly employed, who turn out eight cars per day. The works, which occupy 240 acres of ground, consume over half a million feet of lumber each month; a large number of wood-working machines have recently been introduced. Thirty new caboose and 220 box cars are now being turned out, and an officers car is being constructed which will be a model of beauty. This will contain an iron attachment at the rear of the car under the platform which will keep out the dust, and a Baker heater, with all the appliances for culinary purposes. It will be completed during the present month. Ten first-class 50-foot coaches are also being made, to be fitted up with all the latest patents to prevent accidents. They will be upholstered with seat springs and other auxiliaries to comfort and convenience. The works use 60,000 pounds of castings, 200,000 pounds of bar iron, 50,000 pounds of sheet steel and 20,000 pounds of sheet iron each month. Twenty locomotives are being constructed, 17 x 24 cylinder, for freight purposes.—*Industrial World.*

The Union Iron and Steel Company, Chicago, have decided to engage extensively in the manufacture of railroad frogs, crossings, switches, &c., and for this purpose are building the largest and most complete shops in the country. This promises to be an important addition to Chicago's industries. The new blast furnaces of this company are nearly completed.

ALABAMA.

Eight of the eleven charcoal furnaces in this State are in blast, and all of the coke furnaces that are completed. The Alice Furnace is not finished yet. This is a better showing than this State has made for some time. Most of the furnaces are sold ahead, there not being 2000 tons on the furnace banks unsold.

GEORGIA.

The Rogers Furnace has just blown in. The Bartow (Coke) Furnace, after being refitted, has just gone into blast.

MICHIGAN.


The Spring Lake Furnace, at Fruitport, made on the 18th inst. 47 tons of pig metal, running altogether on ore from the new Boston mine, the yield of which was 68.36 per cent., the largest percentage ever obtained from any Lake Superior ore in the blast furnace.—*Mining Journal.*

The following table exhibits, in gross tons, the total lake shipments of ore this season from Lake Superior, up to and including September 22d, together with the amount shipped during the corresponding period last year:

Where from.	1879.	1880.
Escanaba.....	498,376	863,873
Marquette.....	419,250	509,731
L'Anse.....	32,201	46,800
Total.....	949,827	1,420,404

Showing an increase of 471,567 gross tons.—*Mining Journal.*


It is reported that Messrs. Bolckow Vaughan & Co., Limited, have been very successful with their preliminary trials to their new converters at Eston Steel Works. They have two 15-ton converters now in operation making steel from Cleveland iron, but up to the present they have been content with 10-ton blows. The quality of the steel—or, more properly called, ingot iron—has given every satisfaction, and it is expected that they will henceforth continue to convert steel from the native ores by the Thomas-Gilchrist process on a large scale.



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A List of Tin Plate Manufacturers, Together with some of the Makers' Brands.

The following list of tin plate manufacturers of England, Scotland and Wales, together with the names of some of the principal brands put forth by them, is published for the benefit of many of our readers who have asked for such a table. It is as complete as we have been able to make it, although it is possible there are some important omissions. We shall be glad to add to it and to make corrections whenever information is furnished us. We have no doubt that the table as it is will prove of general interest, in view of what has preceded it on the subject of brands. Many familiar names will be noticed among the brands, some of them being in connection with other names which are scarcely known at all to the general trade on this side of the water.

NOTE.—In the list the word "Crown" indicates the device  which appears in the brand as burned upon the boxes. The word "Diamond" is also substituted for the device usually employed to represent that article, and which is burned upon the boxes in branding.

Name of works.	Name of firm.	Where situated.	Brands.	
			Coke.	Charcoal.
Aberduals	Joshua Williams & Co.	Neath, Glamorganshire	Neath-AB.	Dulais-Neath (Crown.)
Abergavenny	The Brynmawr Coal and Iron Co., Limited	Abergavenny, Monmouthshire		
Abertillery	Philip S. Phillips	Abertillery, Newport, Monmouthshire	EV-Cardiff-Crumlin	EV.
Amman	Amman Iron Co.	Brynnauman, Swansea	Strick	Amman.
Avonvale	Port Talbot Tin Plate Co.	Aberavon, Talbach, Glamorganshire	Alcan.	America-Avon Vale.
			Diamond	Talbach-DRD-Port.
Abercarn	Daniel Whitehouse	Newport, Mon	LF-DD	Abercarn.
Beaufort	Beaufort Tin Plate Co.	Morriston, Swansea, Glamorganshire	Bilston	Beaufort-BSC.
Bradley	Hadron, Sons & Co.	Bilston, Staffordshire	BC-NIC	Bradley-THH (Crown).
Broadwaters	Hadron, Sons & Co.	Kidderminster, Worcestershire	Boston-Tonna	V (Crown) R.
Brockmoor	Hadron, Sons & Co.	Brierley Hill, Staffordshire	Sartoris-Nellie	(B) (NIC).
Burrows	Glamorgan Tin Plate Co.	Aberavon, Glamorganshire		JL-Burrows.
Burry	Burry Tin Plate Co.	Llanelli, Carmarthenshire		Dell-Stepney.
Carlson	F. Mogridge & Co.	Near Newport, Monmouthshire		Avon Lryd.
Carmarthen	Thomas Lester & Co.	Carmarthen, Carmarthenshire		Towy (Crown) - Carmarthen-Gwili (Crown) - Wales-Siluria
Cambria	Cambria Optive, Secy., Ltd.	Pontardulais	TJN-IOLO	CCS-Ifor.
Coatbridge	Coatbridge Tin Plate Co.	Coatbridge, Glasgow	Man-B & B-Anchor	Glasgow-B (Crown).
Cockley	John Knight & Co.	Kidderminster, Worcestershire	Cockley Co.	Cockley K-Knight P.
Cwm Avon	The Copper Miners' Tin Plate Co.	Talbach, Glamorganshire	BI-Pelennal	CA-ECC-VS.
Cwmavon		Swansea, Glamorganshire	BV-Pentre	Gloster-JS Crown.
Cwmfelin	Cwmfelin Tin Plate Co.	Swansea, Glamorganshire	Cwmfelin-CF Abertawe-Howard	Millwood-Cwmfelin-Abertawe
Dafen	Phillips, Nunes & Co.	Llanelli, Carmarthenshire	DP-SNC-Llan.	Avon
Derwent	W. Griffiths & Co.	Workington, Cumberland		Dafen-P. S. & Co. (Crown)
Dyffryn	Daniel Edwards & Co.	Morriston, Swansea, Glamorganshire	Workington-Dunvant	Lonsdale-Penrith.
Gadly's Uchaf	Hosgood & Smith	Aberdare, Glamorganshire	Derl (Crown)-Onen (Crown)	Iwen-DE (Crown).
Garth	Garth Iron & Tin Plate Co.	Rhifwlad, Newport, Monmouthshire	Cynon	
Gowar	H. L. Morris & Co.	Rhifwlad, Newport, Monmouthshire	Garth Coke	Garth Charcoal-Rudern.
Glamorgan	Webb, Shakespeare & Williams	Pontardulais, Llanelli	Rose-Frost-Flint	Falcon-Seine.
Glentawe	Glentawe Tin Plate Co.	Pontardawe, near Swansea	Alpha-Rhine-P. Dulais	
Gwendraeth	J. Chivers & Son	Kidwelly, Carmarthenshire		Glyn-Gwendraeth.
Hendy	Edmund Boughton & Co.	Pontardulais, Carmarthenshire	Rhos-EB & Co.	Hendy-Gower-Craig.
Hope	Hope Iron & Tin Plate Co.	Tipton, Staffordshire	Anchor Coke	H Anchor Co.-Walkers.
Horseley Field	E. P. & W. Baldwin	Wolverhampton	Arley (Crown)-Stour.	EP & WB WH-Wilden-Unicorn.
Landore	Landore Tin Plate Co.	Swansea, Glamorganshire	Best Landore-Derwent	STP
Llanelli	John S. Tregoning & Son	Llanelli, Carmarthenshire	Bisbee	Best Landore-L (Crown).
Llanegnech	Llanegnech Tin Plate Co.	Llanegnech, near Llanelli	Trissant-Hensol	Tregoning Morfa-LPL-JST.
Llantrissant	Llantrissant Tin Plate Co.	Llantrissant, Glamorganshire	Madoc-Lydbrook	Llanegnech-St. George-Standard-Queen-Alfred.
Llwydarth	Llwydarth Tin Plate Co.	Maesteg, Bridgend, Glamorganshire	Awre	Sindor (Crown)-Vaughan
Lydbrook	Richard Thomas & Co.	Near Ross, Herefordshire	MM	Maesteg-Arth.
Lydney	R. Thomas & Co.	Lydney, Glamorganshire	Glanmor-Grafton	R. T. & Co. Dean-KYRL
Machen	Machen Iron & Tin Plate Co.	Newport, Monmouthshire	RG-Pen	LB-Lydney-Ailways.
Mansel	Mansel Tin Plate Co.	Talbach, Glamorganshire	Afan-Cymro	Machen
Margam	Robert B. Evans & Co.	Aberavon, Glamorganshire	Mold-Flint	
Marshallfield	Marshallfield Co., Limited	Llanelli, Carmarthen	Monmouth	Marshallfield-N. E. & Co.
Melin Griffith	T. W. Booker & Co., Ltd.	Cardiff	Ruthin Mersey	R. G.-Pen.
Melyn	Leach, Flower & Co.	Neath, Glamorganshire	Tircanol Gelly	MELYN.
Mold	The Alyn Tin Plate Co.	Mold, Flintshire	Old Castle-OC	Monow.
Monmouth Forge	H. T. Griffiths & Co.	Monmouth		Cardigan-Bridgend
Morlais	Morlais Tin Plate Co.	Llanegnech, Llanelli		Calland-DG (Crown).
Morriston	Morriston Tin Plate Co.	Swansea, Glamorganshire		Stradey-Burry-Killey.
Old Castle	Old Castle Iron and Tin Plate Co., Limited	Llanelli, Carmarthenshire		
Osier Bed	Osier Bed Iron Co.	Wolverhampton	OB-IF (Crown) S.	Osier Bed-HF (Crown).
Parkend	Forest of Dean Iron Co.	Lydney, Gloucestershire	OB-IF (Crown) S.	Parkend-Eagle.
Pontheef	Conway, Conway & Co.	Caerleon, Monmouthshire	Gilbertson-Parsen	PM-(Crown).
Pontardawe	W. Gilbertson & Co.	Swansea, Glamorganshire	Menal-Goppa	Pontardawe-(Crown) AZ.
Pontardulais	Pontardulais Tin Plate Co.	Pontardulais, Glamorganshire	Torfaen	Tarian-Gelert.
Pontnewydd	B. Conway & Co.	Newport, Monmouthshire	Ashford	PN-Pontnewydd.
Pontrhydyrun	Conway Brothers.	Newport, Monmouthshire	Oshorne-PPM	Conway-PD (Crown).
Pontypridd	Banks & Co.	Newport, Monmouthshire	Redbrook	Pontypridd.
Pontypool	Pontypool Iron and Tin Plate Co.	Pontypool, Monmouthshire	Park-M & J-Sedan	Pont Pool-Balmoral-OFFL.
Redbrook	Redbrook Tin Plate Co.	Monmouth, Monmouthshire	OG	L.R.B.
South Wales	E. Morewood & Co.	Llanelli, Carmarthenshire	OG	Grange-Llanon-PTL-SS.
Star	Star Iron and Tin Plate Co.	Near Green, West Bromwich	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Stour Vale	Crowthor Bros. & Morgan	Kidderminster, Worcestershire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Tidal	Budd & Co.	Tipton, Staffordshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Treforest	Treforest Tin Plate Co.	Pontypridd, Glamorganshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Tyde & Rogerston	John Lewis & Co.	Newport, Monmouthshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Tyne	Tyne Iron and Tin Plate Co.	Pontnewydd, Monmouthshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Upper Forest	Llanamiet Tin Plate Co.	Swansea, Glamorganshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Vernon	David Morris & Co.	Stourport, Shropshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Widen	E. & W. Baldwin	Middle Forest, Swansea, Glamorganshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Worcester	Llanamiet Tin Plate Co.	Swansea, Glamorganshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Ynyspennyllyn	Tawe Tin Plate Co., Limited	Swansea, Glamorganshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Yspitly	J. Rushton Turnock	Loughor, R. S. O., South Wales	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.
Ystalyfera	Ystalyfera Iron Co.	Swansea, Glamorganshire	OG	Dragon-P (Crown) H.

The Basic Process and Its Critics.

The letter by Mr. Hampton, a Sheffield steel maker, referred to in the letter of our English correspondent published in last week's issue of *The Iron Age*, has brought out a voluminous correspondence which is of interest in more than one respect. One letter comes from M. Poncelet, the well-known metallurgist of the Terrenoire Works. It commands attention, as it contains some statements of facts which will be received with considerable interest. We give it below:

"Like Mr. Hampton, I believe that the first result of the process, and the only practical one which has been obtained at the works which use it, is largely to substitute ingot iron (*fer fondre*) for puddled iron.

"Dr. Von Tunner, of Leoben, Austria, is also of this opinion, with this reservation, that, according to him, they will obtain more surely a superior ingot iron by treating in the basic converter a pig iron of good quality, without sulphur, and with little phosphorus; while the common pigs, with 1.5 of phosphorus, 0.20 to 0.25 of sulphur and 1.0 to 1.5 of manganese, will serve to produce ingot iron as a substitute for ordinary puddled iron. This opinion is not that of the Germans, and above all that of M. Massenez, of Hoerde. In fact, in the paper which M. Massenez read at the Düsseldorf meeting are found no examples but such as are favorable to the process. The analyses of the products obtained in the basic converter at Hoerde mentioned insignificant quantities of phosphorus, 0.02 to 0.03 per cent., and this is speaking of inferior pigs containing only 0.40 to 0.50 of manganese, 1.35 of phosphorus (about) and 1.29 sulphur. But are these truly the results of every day's working? Why I put this question is because the operations of the basic converter, carried out before the members of the Iron and Steel Institute at Hoerde, are notably different from those of which M. Massenez speaks in his paper.

"As a member of the Iron and Steel Institute, I have been enabled to assist at this operation at Hoerde, and to follow it in all its details, and to take samples of metal with the permission of Messrs. Massenez and Pink, whose perfect courtesy one cannot too highly acknowledge for the manner in which they have done the honors of their splendid works.

"I give here the results of my analysis (operation of August 27, 3.30 p. m.). The pig placed in the closed converter contained phosphorus, 1.45; manganese, 1.33; sulphur, 0.25. The sample which was taken

at the moment of the disappearance of the carbon lines, after 16' 30" of blowing, contained phosphorus, 1.45; manganese, 0.28; sulphur, 0.107. The second sample taken, after 2' 50" of the additional blow, had phosphorus 0.169. The third sample, taken after the addition of the spiegel, and after 3' 10" blow, contained no more than manganese 0.160 and phosphorus 0.093. Before adding the spiegel the slag was run out of the converter as completely as possible to avoid the inconvenience of the remixing of the metal with the phosphorus which it contains in the form of phosphate of iron.

"In spite of this precaution the amount of phosphorus increased in the liquid metal, giving the following analysis: Phosphorus, 0.137; manganese, 0.560; carbon, 0.295; sulphur, 0.065.

"Can it be admitted that in current operations they obtain a metal purer and superior to this? It is very improbable.

"Phosphorus is acceptable in metal for rails, but if the proportion of carbon cannot be increased beyond 0.30, Mr. Hampton is right in saying that the railway companies who have rejected puddled iron rails have not a great advantage in adopting ingot iron rails obtained by the basic process. Nevertheless, the opinion which M. Massenez expressed in his paper is that the basic process can give metal as carburized as can be desired. But M. Massenez forgets to say how they can obtain this result.

"The means would be, no doubt, to add more spiegel at the end of the operation, but the inconvenience of this mode of working is the re-entry into the metal of a greater quantity of phosphorus. This is my opinion after having seen in operation the Thomas process at Eston. It is shared in at the present time by all the 'practitioners,' and Mr. Pink has repeated the same to me. 'The more spiegel is added, the more phosphorus re-enters into the metal.' They ought, then, to drive the blast as hard as possible, in order to dephosphorize the metal at its last stage, and to run as completely as possible the slag from the converter, in order to diminish the chances of rephosphorization. But the proportion of peroxide of iron dissolved in the metal will be greater in increasing the intensity of the blast, and, consequently, the reaction, when the spiegel is added, will be quicker; that is to say, that a greater quantity of the carbon of the spiegel will be burnt, while that which will incorporate itself with the steel will not be greater than in the ordinary case. It is a delicate point, worthy to be pointed out, what is practically the proportion of spiegel which should be added to produce metal with 0.5 of carbon,

and with a minimum of phosphorus. Could not the difficulty be solved by treating a phosphoric pig, rich in manganese, containing, say, more than 2 per cent., perhaps 3 per cent., with a minimum of silicon? In fact, experience has proved that the manganese in the pig containing little silicon remains in a notable proportion in the metal until the disappearance of the carbon lines, and that during the blast it oxidizes less quickly than phosphorus. Consequently, the more manganese the pig contains, the greater, no doubt, will be the proportion which will remain to be oxidized during the period of blowing.

"But while the oxygen of the air during the blow will act on the phosphorus first and then on the manganese, the iron will be preserved, and less oxide of iron will be dissolved in the metallic bath. By this means the reaction occasioned by the addition of the spiegel will be less rapid, there will be a much smaller part of its carbon burnt, and therefore a greater quantity incorporated with the metal.

"This solution of the method of producing hard metal suitable for the manufacture of steel rails is of a nature to 'tranquillize' the manufacturers of hematite pig, for one cannot realize the hypothesis of Mr. Lowthian Bell, that phosphoric pig, with 2 to 3 per cent. of Mn can be produced at 20/ below the price of hematite pig."

Herr Pink, of the Hoerde Works, writes as follows:

"Mr. Hampton states that he saw the dephosphorizing process in Germany, and came to the conclusion that excellent malleable iron can be obtained thereby suitable for shipbuilding purposes, &c., and that it appears as if puddled iron were doomed, thus corroborating the opinion I expressed in my paper read before the Iron and Steel Institute in May last. Soft steel or ingot iron can be most easily and certainly obtained wholly free from red-shortness, of from 24 to 27 tons tensile strength per square inch, showing an elongation of from 20 to 27 per cent. in a length of 10 inches, with a contraction of area at point of breakage of from 50 to 70 per cent. The ductility of this class of material is perfectly marvelous, and for the purposes mentioned by Mr. Hampton, of the very greatest import.

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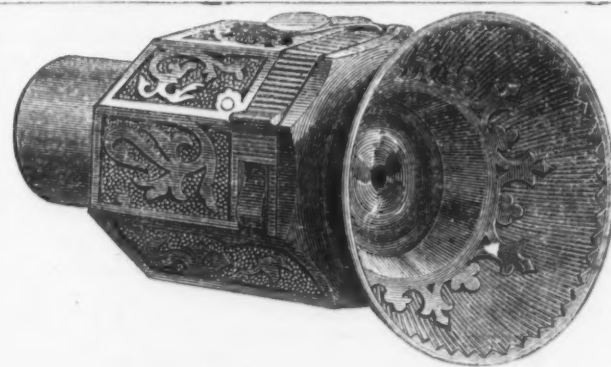
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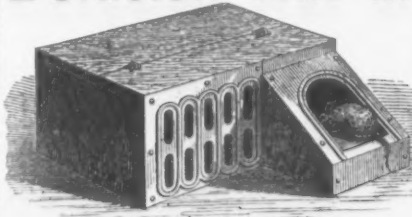
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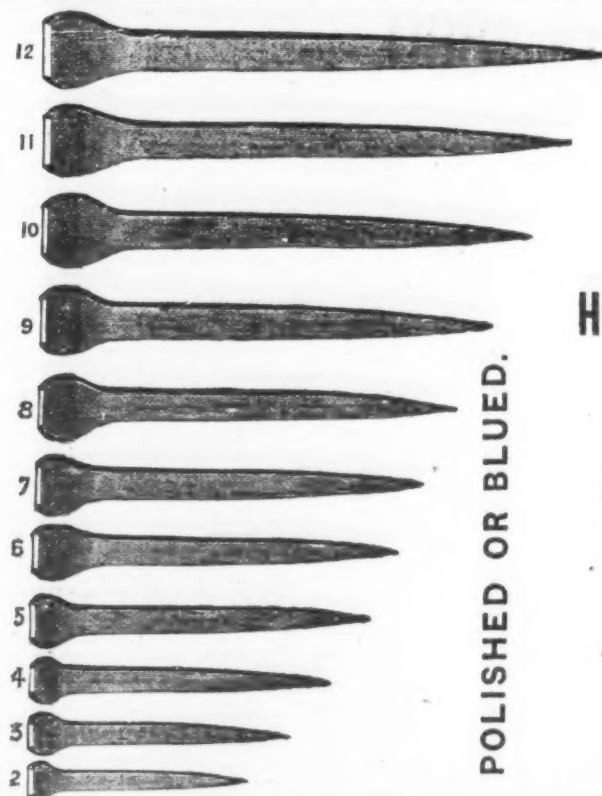
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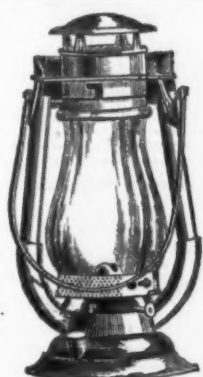
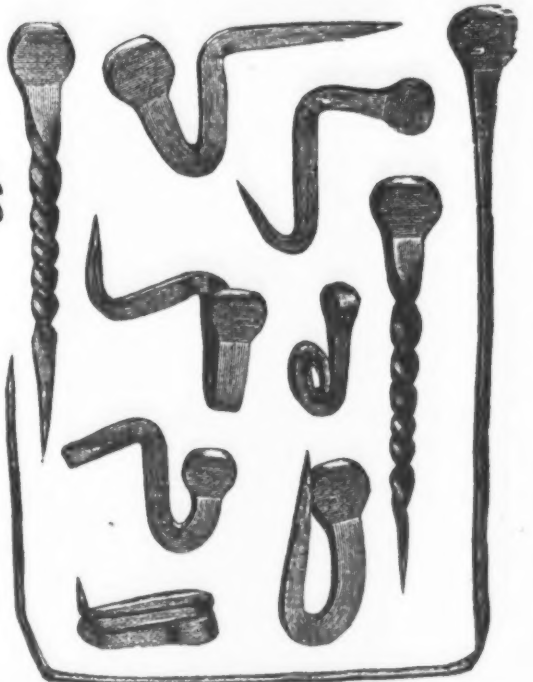
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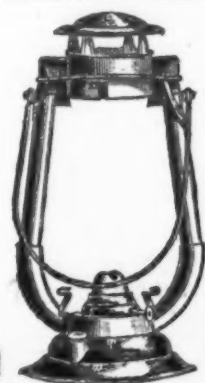
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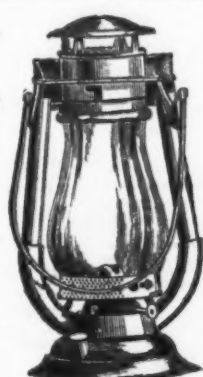
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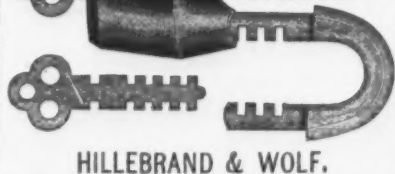
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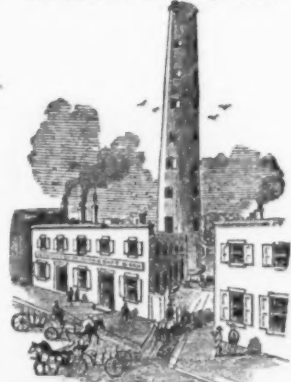
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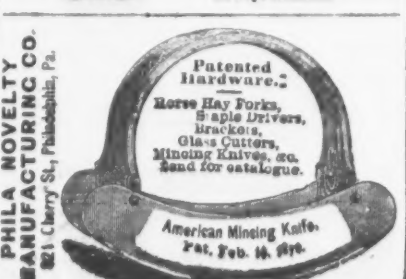
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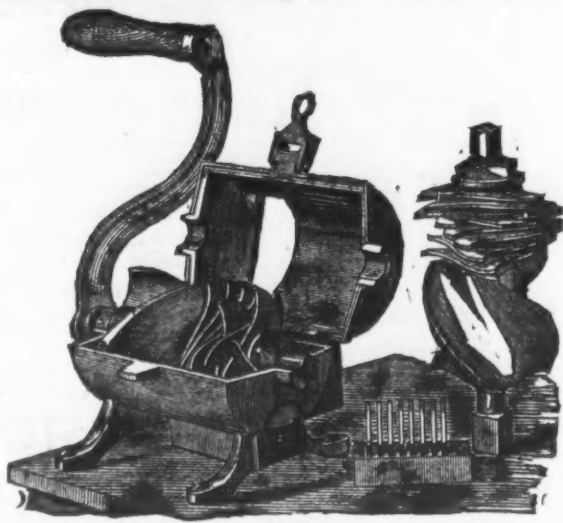
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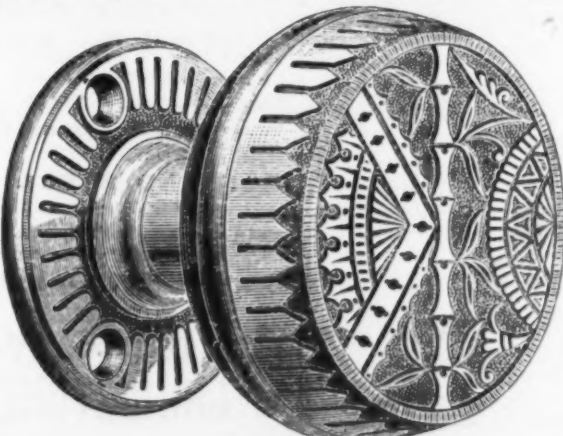
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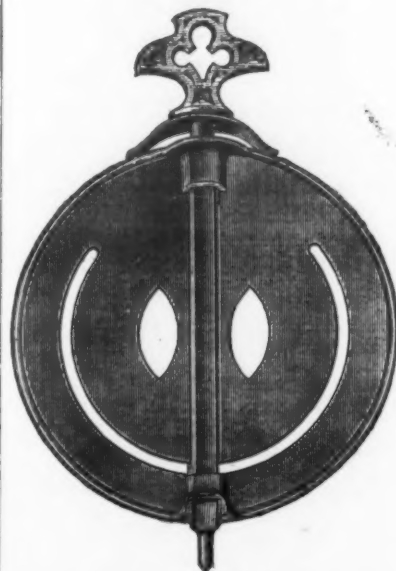
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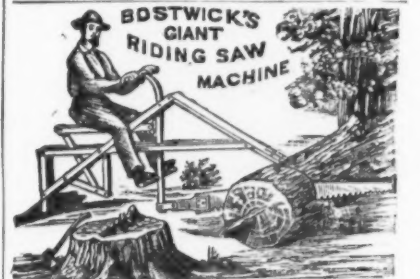
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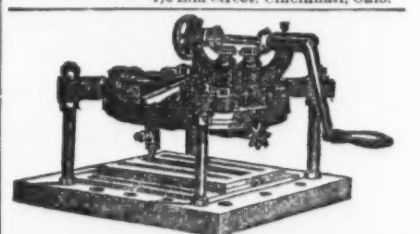
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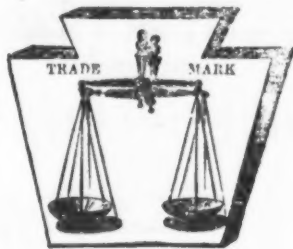
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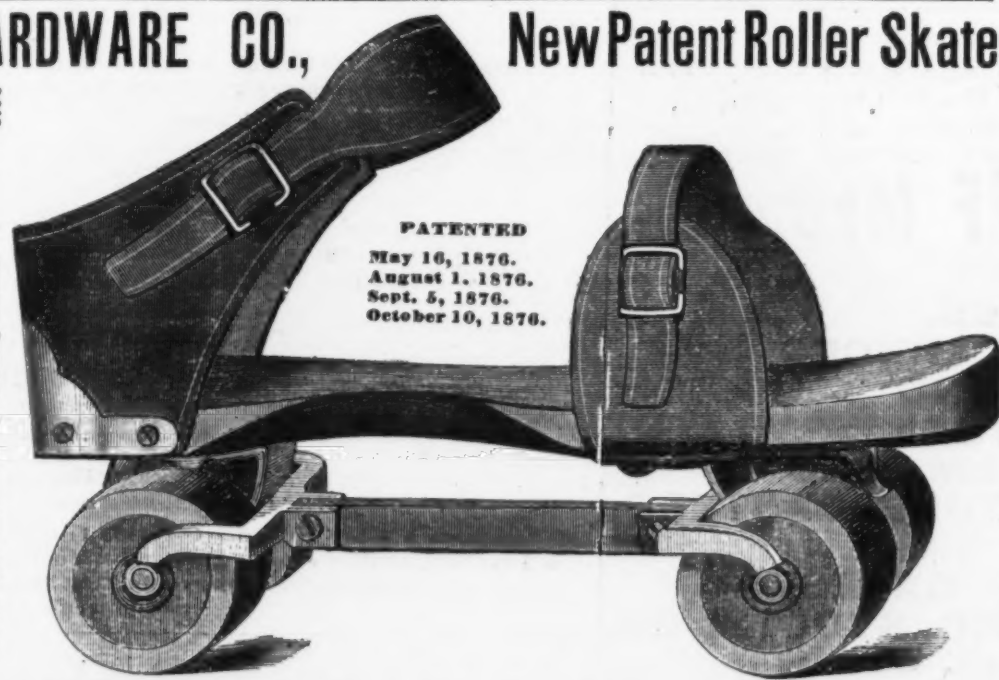
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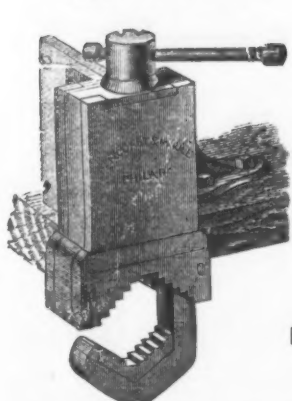
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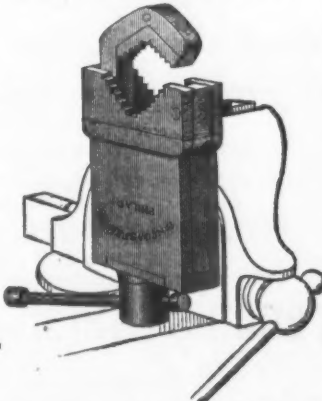
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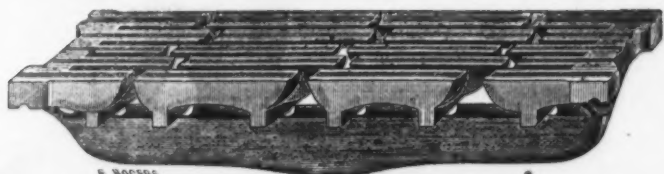
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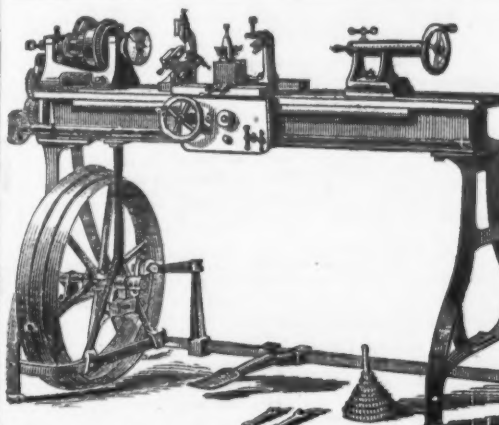


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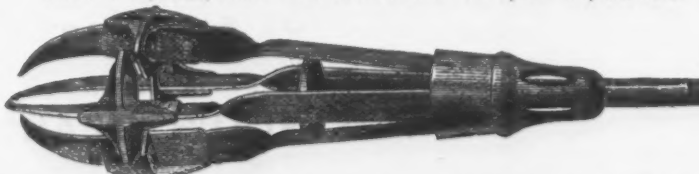


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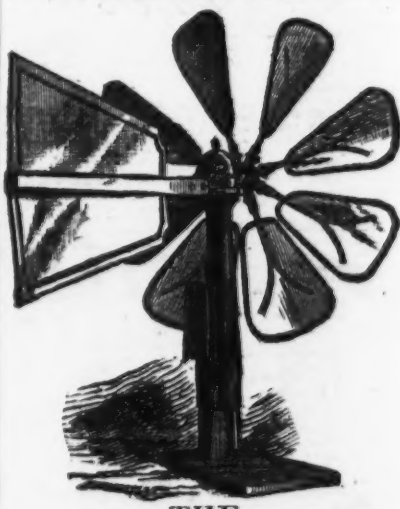
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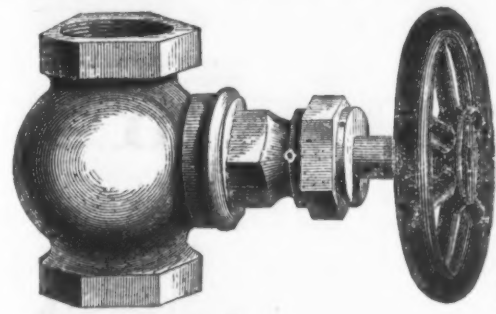
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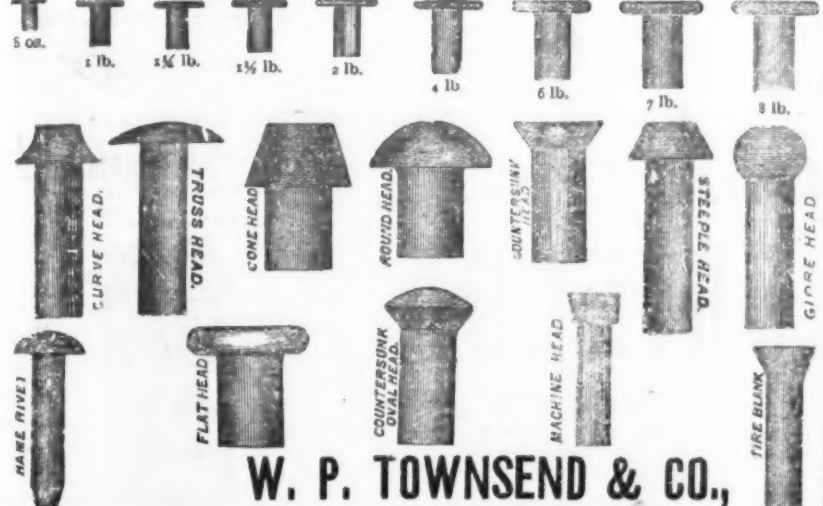


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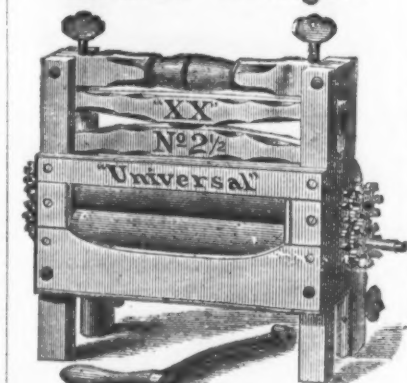
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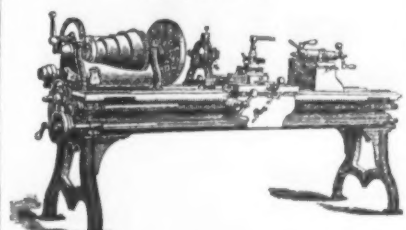
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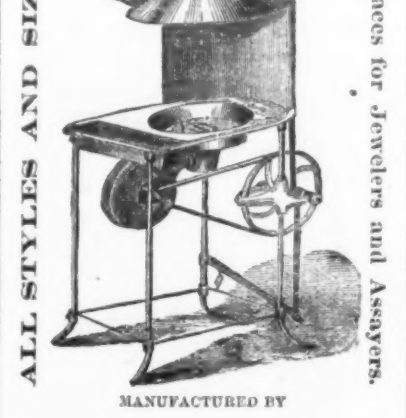
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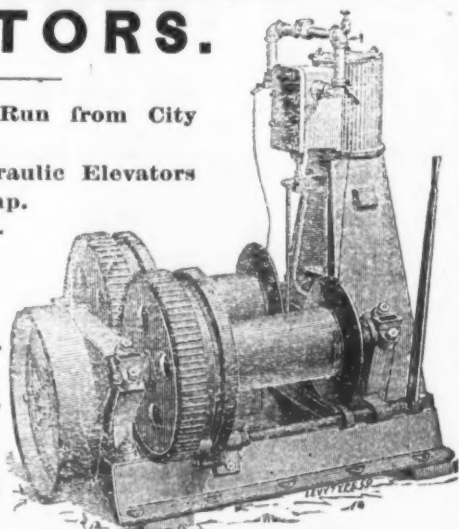
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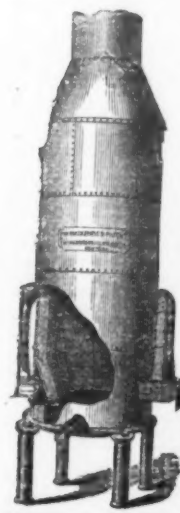
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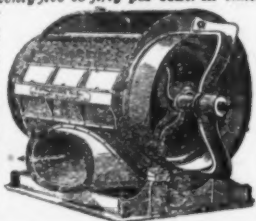
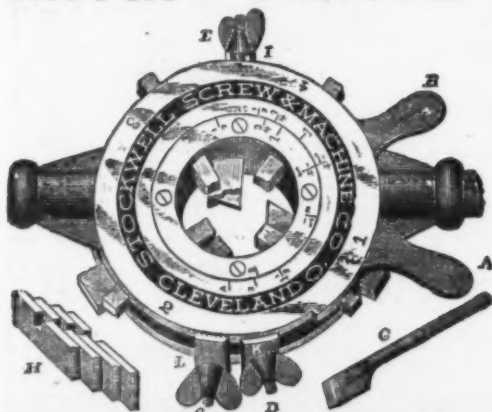
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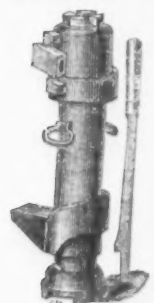
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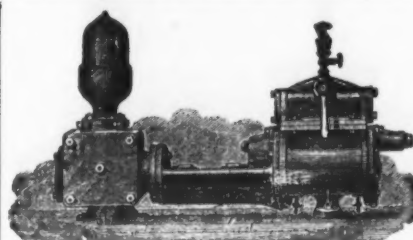
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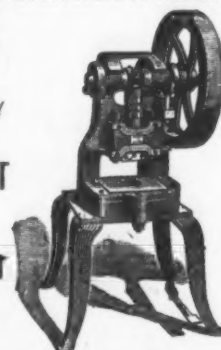
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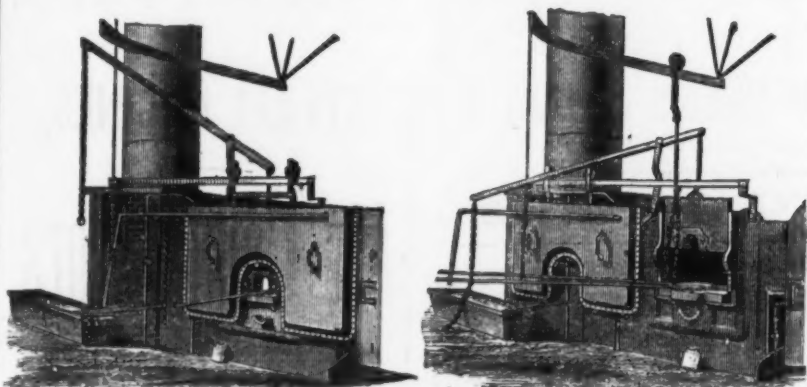
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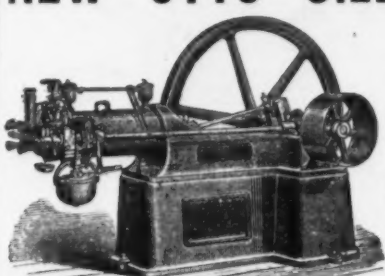
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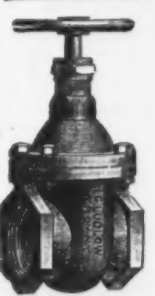
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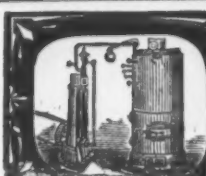
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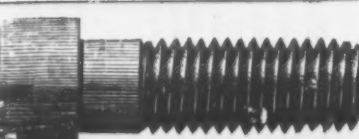
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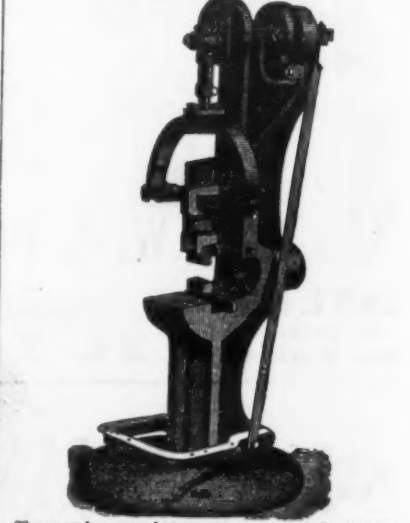
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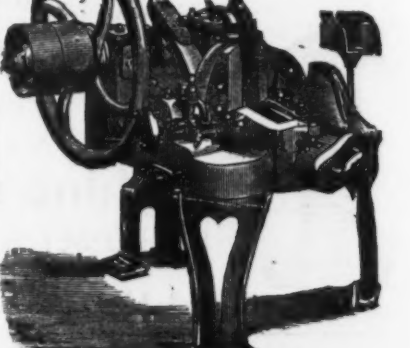
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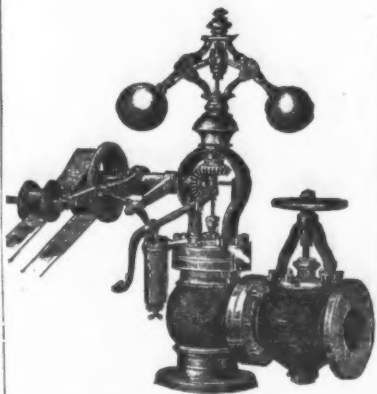
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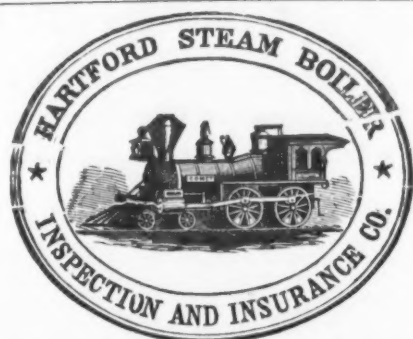
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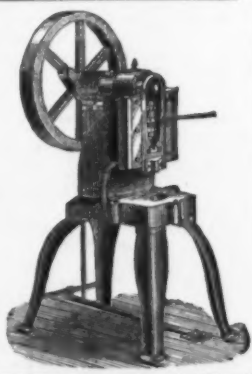
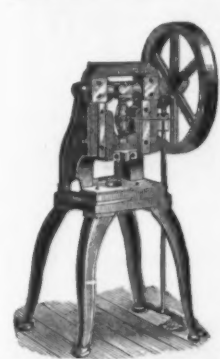
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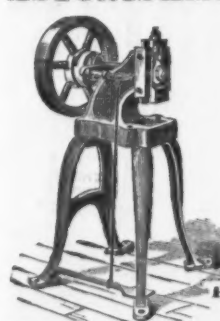
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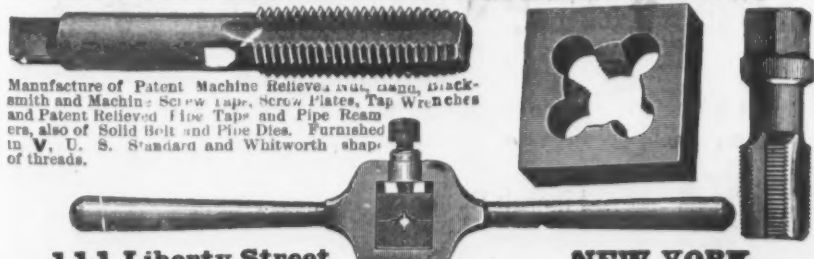
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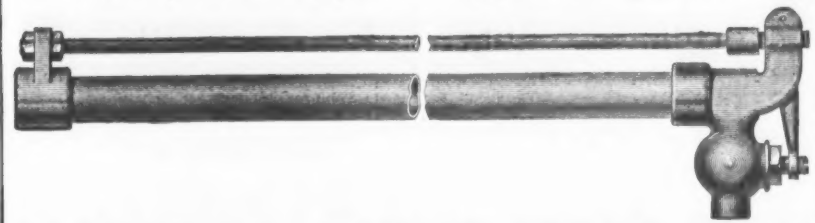
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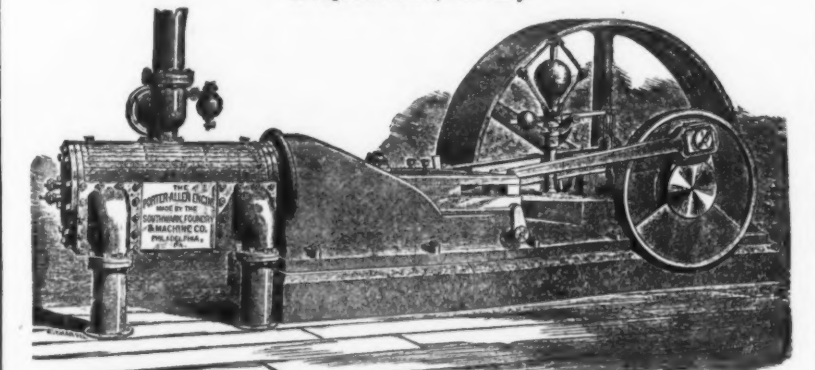
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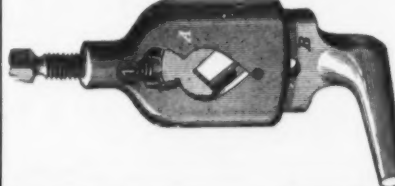
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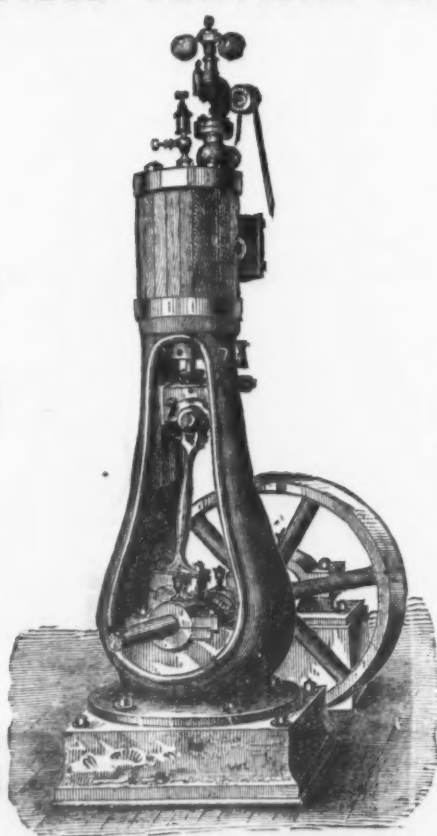
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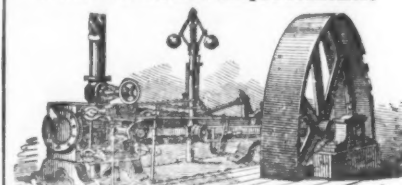
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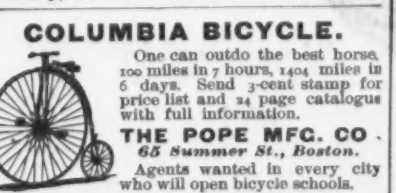
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